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DR. W. R. V. LONG
Headmaster of Slough Grammar School 1952—1966

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THE HEADMASTER

In this issue of the *Swan*, the editors have requested me on behalf of all pupils and staff to bid farewell to our Headmaster, Dr. W. R. V. Long, who retires in July after fifteen years of service to our school.

From the days of scarcity after the war to the plenty of today, Dr. Long has held the reins of office, to ensure a steady growth not only in numbers of pupils and staff but also in expansion of the buildings. Have we not a new gymnasium, a new hall—the envy of all schools, a new library, new staff rooms, new laboratories? Gone are the “huts” with their primitive stoves providing more fumes and dust than heat for our comfort. And there were times when the Sixth Form could boast a dozen members whereas now we are able to send fifty students a year to universities up and down the land. Conditions for teaching are also different; Dr. Long's aim has been to reduce the size of teaching groups and to appoint as many staff as permissible to cope with the new policy of divisions in middle school and upwards. To aid him in his task of improvement of the School Dr. Long has maintained a close and fruitful association with the School Governors.

Four years ago, on the occasion of our ‘Jubilee’, in collaboration with Miss Crawford, Headmistress of the High School, Dr. Long helped to devise the programme of service and reunion which served to mark the event as a red-letter day in our calendar. And more recently his has been a heavy responsibility to bring into being a fitting memorial for ‘old boys’ lost in the war. This has eventually taken the shape of an organ installed in the school hall and a bronze roll of honour bearing some seventy names—both dedicated in May at a service conducted by the Rev. E. Smart, a former pupil. This ceremony may well be Dr. Long's last official function in school apart from Speech Day later on.

Outside school Dr. Long has been President of the ‘Old Paludians’ during the time of his headmastership. On several occasions he has been called upon to represent educational bodies, the County Authority, university education committees and professional people have sought the fruits of his experience and wisdom; and he has given regular and appreciated service to his Church wherever he has lived.

Beyond these proud factual records, it is of his presence in the very midst of school life, day by day, that tongues will talk for many years to come. Always punctual, he would not tolerate lateness; alert, he could not condone laziness, nor the incomplete, nor the shoddy, nor anything that did not approach perfection. He had a staunch belief in the infinite possibilities of the human brain if driven to achieve the highest aims. To all pupils, the less academic included, he tried to unveil before their eyes a broad and hopeful future which could be theirs through perseverance and sacrifice. Like an actor in the grand manner he has bestrode the stage of school life in full assurance of his set purpose; and with enviable eloquence he has declaimed to ears young and old. His exhortations brought home forcibly, as intended, some misdemeanour that had to be corrected to satisfy Dr. Long's own conviction that reason must pour light upon what is evil and contrary to common humanity. He has shown himself as a man of many parts, interested in everything that men do, in music and the arts of stage and studio, well-acquainted with history and science and knowledgeable in the workshop skills.

His chastisement is without rancour, his praise so rare as to be surprising, his hatred of conceit and falseness so evident as to be painful; his thoroughness so entire as to demand nothing but the best from everyone. He has an agile brain which gives him a sense of humour, and a kindred spirit with us all. This humanity, particularly towards the boys, is perhaps the quality which shall not easily be forgotten. His Christian concern for all, even the out-and-out ‘shockers’, his sympathy in sickness and grief, have made of him a whole man striving his utmost to encourage the faint-hearted, and driving himself to maintain his principles with courage, unshaken by criticism. And all the while his hopefulness has been assured and his eyes lifted ‘to the stars’.

Truly, as Dr. Long leaves us and bids us goodbye with his iron-grip handshake, we can surely feel thankful for his example of steadfastness, and gratefully acknowledge that here was a true man.

We wish him and Mrs. Long, always loyal to the school, many years of active good health and happiness in his retirement.

J.C.

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EDITORIAL

Improvement is the self-imposed task of any editor of a school magazine. This year the editors of the *Swan* decided to conduct a survey of opinions with the help of Mr. Norris in the school relating to the magazine. This was done on the principle that the magazine is of the School, that the School writes it, and that therefore the School should have some say in its policy. A survey was duly carried out and it is gratifying to note that, in general, the school approves of what has been done in the past; but the majority opinion that the magazine was 'fair' to 'good' is a sign that there is clear room for improvement.

We anticipated this trend and included in the questionnaire a request for helpful suggestions. Those questioned responded with a pleasing lack of facetiousness. A fuller report appears in the magazine. The most acceptable was the suggestion that the anthology be enlarged. This idea had the greatest number of advocates, but was not backed up by an increased amount of contributions when we came to ask for them.

Previous magazine editors have seen fit to condemn as apathy the poor response of the school when asked for original contributions. Rather than take this view and risk discouraging the reader, we would like to praise the high quality of those articles that were given in and which prove that it is not apathy that the school suffers from but timidity. As those who actually got down to writing something will know, it is amazing what you can do if you try.

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'BERT' CHARMAN, SCHOOL CARETAKER, 1940-1965



Mr. Charman and his wife sit in the fireside chairs presented by the School. Behind them are (l. to r.) Rodney Lister (then Deputy Head Boy); the Headmaster, Dr. W. R. V. Long, and Peter White, Head Boy.

The School lost a real friend last December when the caretaker, Mr. Harry 'Bert' Charman, left the school to retire after twenty-five years' service. The degree of his popularity may be judged from the fact that on the day of his retirement he was presented with two fine fireside chairs and a cheque for £20, collected from present and past members of the School; in addition, the Old Paludians made presentations of their own.

Almost everyone in the school knew him personally, and the whole School gave him a warm and noisy send-off on the afternoon of Friday, 10th December, as the Head Boy, Peter White, presented the gifts to 'Bert' and his wife.

In his farewell speech, in reply to the boys' warm applause, Mr. Charman said he did not know what the fuss was about: "I've only done my job". But the boys knew differently, for in his quarter-century at the School, he had not just been the man responsible for keeping the school warm and clean, but a friend, someone to take troubles to, or joke with. Although practical jokes caused him a lot of extra work, the Headmaster made it clear that 'Bert' never told tales.

He joined the school in 1940 when a friend left the post owing to ill health. During the war years one of the tasks of Mr. Charman and his wife was to cook school dinners, making the best use of the small amount of food available while the strict rationing was in force, and Mrs. Charman held the post of Head Cook for seven years. In post-war years, one of 'Bert's' unofficial duties was to provide the refreshments for school sports teams—he claims to have made many thousand cups of tea. He also acted as Master of Ceremonies at countless old boys' events. Indeed, he and his wife often took a great part in the extramural affairs of the School, and on at least one occasion went on the annual School trip to the Lake District.

In his retirement, 'Bert' will live just round the corner from the School, in Upton Road, and he promises to visit the school from time to time while walking his infamous dog, Sally, in Lascelles Park. Even so he told the boys "I shall miss the School very much. I feel as if part of my life has broken off".

D. HORSTEAD, R. BOLLAND.

SCHOOL NOTES

During this year the school has lost the services of several members of staff. Mr. J. W. Boggis left at Easter, after nearly 7 years here, to take appointment as lecturer in Mathematics at the Oxford College of Technology. In July Mr. D. A. Turner, who came into our History Department in January 1961, leaves to become Lecturer in Education at the City of Sheffield College of Education; Mr. J. T. Slater, in charge of our Department of Religious Education since September 1961, goes to Coventry College of Education in the autumn as Senior Lecturer in Religious Education. Mr. A. G. S. Bunting, after only one year here, is taking up a teaching post in the Bahamas. Mr. W. K. Norris, who has been responsible for Economics since September, 1962, is resigning in order to do research at University College, London. We thank them all for their service and loyalty to the school and wish them success and happiness in their new appointments.

New members of the staff during the year, whose coming was announced in our last edition, have already made their mark in the school. In September we welcomed Mrs. O. L. Holgate to our French staff, the first lady to join the academic staff since the emergency war years. In September we shall welcome Mr. A. R. Cullingworth to the Chemistry Department; Mr. J. A. Hughes to the Modern Language Department and Mr. G. Norton to the Mathematics Department. At the time of going to press, staff vacancies still exist for specialists in Economics, History, Religious Education and French.

At Christmas Miss F. Thomas, our Laboratory Stewardess, left to take up work with handicapped children and she was replaced in January by Miss L. M. Keeler. Unfortunately she has been ill since Easter and unable to attend.

After Easter we were pleased to welcome Mrs. R. Taylor back from her stay in U.S.A. to be our Senior Laboratory Stewardess.

Mrs. M. E. Pursall, S.R.N., came at the beginning of April to be our first School Matron.

In July we take leave of Herr W. Fest who will be returning to West Berlin and to Monsieur R. Prieur who returns to Paris. We are grateful to

them for the help they have given in the Modern Language Department and we hope they have enjoyed their stay with us and will take back with them a good impression of an English Grammar School. In September we hope to receive another French Assistant, this time from the University of Poitiers. So far there is no news of an Assistant from Western Germany.

During this year the school has benefited greatly from the part-time services of Mrs. A. J. Newbery in our School Library.

Once again, after devoting the whole of their Easter holidays to preparation, our War on Want Committee and helpers conducted a very successful Jumble Sale on April 23rd when over £75 was raised.

We have been pleased to receive visits during the year from almost 100 old boys and also from past members of staff: Dr. V. H. Taylor, Mr. G. Avis, Mr. A. Bailey, Mr. D. Mansfield, Mr. D. Shotton, Mr. R. Malin, Mr. D. Madge and Dr. R. Spence.

Mr. D. J. Browne was commissioned in our A.C.F. Company last November.

Congratulations and admiration for Eric George Matthews (1950/57), who graduated with second class Honours in British History at Edinburgh University last summer and is now in East Africa at Makerere College, Kampala, training to be a secondary teacher of native children. Initially he began an Honours Course in Physics at London University and he has had to qualify for a complete change of course in his preparation for this overseas service.

Jeremy Black is to be congratulated on being awarded the trophy at the Slough Arts Festival for the best solo performance on instruments other than the pianoforte. He gained 90% for his recorder playing.

After many delays and disappointments the school Army Cadets now have their own well-appointed headquarters, fashioned from the original armoury, a games store and a cycle store.

Praise and appreciation to the committee of our Cinema and Theatre Club for their enterprise in organising a series of programmes showing standard literary works in French and German on sound films.

After graduation at University College, London, this year, Derek Ray (1956/63) will be going to the Sudan to teach English under the voluntary service overseas arrangements.

Congratulations to Derek Hudson (1951/59) who gained the degree of Ph.D. of Cambridge University last autumn. He has taken up a lectureship at Wellington University, New Zealand.

On the 15th November senior members of the school enjoyed a recital of folk songs sung by Miss Joy Hyman to her own guitar accompaniment.

We are proud of Nicholas Alexander who won the Europa Cup last September for dinghy sailing in the Southern Area Championships, and this spring has had the great distinction of being the youngest competitor ever to win the Chandy Trophy in the Open International Event for Moth class boats.

School was pleased to receive another visit in February from Mr. K. Simpson with a party of his music students from London University Institute of Education.

We have had good news of Mr. and Mrs. Whatmore, now in their new house at North Bay, Canada, and from Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Davies, at a Mission School in South America after their period in Montreal, Canada.

Our voluntary helpers collected £127 by the sale of poppies for the Earl Haig Fund. This was a very substantial part of the total raised in the Borough of Slough and the boys responsible deserve great praise.

Congratulations to Richard C. Walker for his Open Exhibition in Mathematics at Pembroke College, Oxford, and for John Overton, who has a place in 1967 for Chemistry at Corpus Christi College, Oxford.

A music recital much appreciated by the junior school was given on Thursday, the 3rd March by the Arriaga String Quartet.

We send our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Shotton on the birth of their son, Michael Jonathan, a brother to Rachel. We hope Mr. Shotton will be happy in his new post next September.

High praise for enterprise and courage to Edward Thomas (1961/64) for spending his first university long vacation travelling alone overland to India, and there teaching Mathematics for several weeks before returning to Cambridge for the new term.

Last July Aspro-Nicholas Ltd. instituted a Commercial Preview Course for 20 selected youths, of whom four were to be their own apprentices, ten Etonians, and two each from Windsor Grammar School, Maidenhead Grammar School and Slough Grammar School. Six of our boys applied and they made such a good impression that three places were offered to them. Of the twenty finalists, six were to be sent two by two to Paris, Brussels and Dublin on practical assignments. Two of our candidates, N. Flynn and J. Murray, and one of our former members, D. Fox, serving his apprenticeship at Aspro-Nicholas, were finally selected.

We offer a welcome to St. Bernard's Convent School when they join the Slough Borough Schools in September. Already our two schools have learned to co-operate effectively in worthwhile projects and we hope this association may continue.

Our congratulations to David Lister (1954/61) who was awarded First Class Honours in Chemistry at Southampton last summer.

Our school orchestra, after suffering depletion at Christmas by the leaving of several senior players, deserves great praise for gaining first place in the Slough Arts Festival.

Roger Bester (1950/57) is now in Brazil with his cameras and is likely to be on assignment for three years; Kenneth Wallis (1954/61) is a police officer in Hong Kong; the last news of Edgar Wallner (1948/55) was from Singapore; Geoffrey Brecknell (1946/54) and family are in Doncaster.

A notable performance at St. Bernard's Convent on Sunday, the 15th May, of Mendelssohn's "Elijah" brought great credit to the combined choirs of the two schools, trained by Mr. J. Moutrie and Mrs. J. Griffith.

We congratulate Brian Odell (1951/59) on his marriage to Miss Averill, and also for gaining the degree of Ph.D. in Science at the University of Cambridge.

School was privileged to be asked by the local clergy to join with St. Bernard's Convent School in providing readers and choir for the final public service of Prayer for Christian Unity, held in our assembly hall on Tuesday, the 25th January.

Kenneth Messenger has the distinction of being the first member of school to play in the F.A. Schoolboys' XI for England against Scotland. The match resulted in a victory for the England XI. Kenneth Messenger and Graham Wallace were picked to play for the F.A. Colts against the R.M.A. Sandhurst XI and Rodney Lister was chosen for the F.A. Colts match against the Old Etonians' XI. All three were chosen to attend the F.A. Schools' Week at Oxford this Easter.

We were pleased to learn of the marriage of David Harding (1951/58), Mathematics Master at Lancing School, to Miss Eckersley in the New Year.

On the 19th June 1965, Peter Close, a member of our Sixth Form, was killed in a car accident for which he was in no way responsible. Although a comparative newcomer to us from South Africa he had won the esteem and friendship of his fellows, and it was a great solace to his parents and sister that so many past and present members of the school attended the committal service in practical evidence of their deep sympathy.

The Memorial Plaque and Miller Electronic Organ were both installed at the end of January. On Sunday the 22nd May at 3 p.m. a dedicatory service was held in the school assembly hall, during which the School Governors, the Borough Education Officer and representatives and staff of the school, both past and present, attended. The service was conducted by the Reverend Eric Smart, a present Governor of the school and a former scholar contemporary with many whose names are in the Roll of Honour. The school choir, under the direction of Mr. J. Moutrie and Mr. P. Bond, sang an anthem and led the singing. Introductory music was played by Colin Parker of the sixth form and Mr. Moutrie, and Mr. Bond gave a short recital on the organ to conclude the service.

PRIZE WINNERS, 1964-65

SUBJECT PRIZES

FORMS I:

Fletcher, G. (English Language, Maths); Pratt, S. (English Literature); Howse, K. (French); Brown, D. (Geography, Music); Heal, C. (Science); Knight, R. (History, Religious Instruction); McGough, P. (Art); Callaway, P. (Technical Drawing).

FORMS II:

Cowland, R. (English Language); Brickell, G. (English Literature); Gough, P. (Latin, Music); Coleman, P. (French); Finn, M. (German); Jeeps, R. (Mathematics); Bailey, R. (Geography, Science); Wilson, R. (History, Religious Instruction); Maitland, D. (Art); Dockray, S. (Woodwork); Appleby, P. (Metalwork).

FORMS III:

Morris, C. (English Language and Literature); Wickens, A. (Latin); Black, J. (French, Music); Goody, M. (German); Bharadwaj, V. (Maths); Mildenhall, D. (Geography); Littlefair, S. (History); Drake, M. (Science); King, K. (Art); Twardawa, R. (Woodwork); Wilson, P. (Metalwork).

FORMS IV:

Jones, K. (English Language); Stevens, P. (English Literature); Jordan, I. (Latin, French); Harris, R. (German, Geography); Sapiets, L. (Maths); Butler, K. (History); Wellam, S. (Chemistry); Kitson, D. (Physics); Cooke, B. (Biology); Denham, M. (General Science); Boulton, K. (Music); Bell, S. (Art); Thwaites, T. (Woodwork); Jones, A. (Metalwork).

FORMS V:

Gamble, C. (English Language); Morton, A. (English Literature); Whiting, J. (Latin); Elder, J. (French); Treble, J. (Maths); Cartwright, I. (Geography); Whelan, J. (History); Pratt, C. (Chemistry); Moore, A. (Physics, Biology); Pizzey, G. (General Science); Whiteley, C. (German, Music); Luckie, J. (Art); Avis, C. (Woodwork); Fryett, A. (Metalwork).

LOWER SIXTH

White, C. (English); Hardy, R. (Latin); Hannan, R. (French); Potter, A. (German); Hamilton, J. (Pure Maths, Art); Bolland, R. (Geography); Hillier, D. (History); Overton, J. (Chemistry, Physics); Masters, P. (Biology); Parker, C. (Music); Peters, A. (Economics).

UPPER SIXTH

Raisbeck, J. (English); Rodney Lister (Latin, French); Towersey, A. (German); Bachelor, K. (Spanish); Walker, R. (Pure and Applied Maths); Wood, T. (Pure and Applied Maths); Grant, J. (Higher Maths); Griffiths, P. (French, Russian); Spalding, R. (P. and A. Maths); Spellman, G. (Geography); Nelson, J. (History); Mrowka, S. (Chemistry); Walker, B. (Physics); Solomon, D. (Biology); Timms, C. (Music); Taylor, F. (Art); Coutts, R. (Economics).

SPECIAL PRIZES

Headmaster's Prizes to Head Boy:	Singleton, A.; Walker, B.
Drama Prize:	White, C.
Magazine Prizes:	White, C.; Hardy, R.
Library Prizes:	Bolland, R.; Davis, C.
Commander Milne Prize for Initiative:	Bray, T.
Ford Cup for Voluntary Service:	Overton, J.
Old Paludians' House Shield:	Milton.

G.C.E. EXAMINATIONS, 1965

(including subjects passed in December, 1964)

9 subjects

Whitely, C. R.

8 subjects

Adnitt, G. A. H.; Cartwright, I. R.; Elder, J.; Fryett, A. J.; Gamble, F. C. E.; Jones, J. C.; Merritt, J. C.; Moore, A. T.; Pratt, C. I.; Pratt, M. J.; Treble, J. R.; Troke, J. A.; Whelan, J. F.; Willatts, P. B.; Wyld, G. J.

7 subjects

Avis, C. L.; Deuchars, R. J.; Eaglestone, B. E.; Foreman, J.; Harris, P. M.; Hendey, R. N.; Hobson, B. E.; Lee, P. C.; McGoun, P. R.; Morrell, J. N.; Pearce, M. J.; Reed, M. S.; Watterson, I. W.; Webber, D. W.; Whiting, J.

6 subjects

Birch, M. C.; Bloxham, P. R.; Clark, M. J.; Lewis, C. M.; Morgan, B. F.; Pizzey, G. A. B.; Poulter, R. F.; Rainer, J. F.; Talbot, R. J. W.; Taylor, I. M.

5 subjects

Bailey, B. C.; Baker, M. P. J.; Chant, P. N.; Day, T. H.; Hammond, G.; Jackson, A. W.; Manners, W. P.; Mansfield, C.; Morton, A. P.; Scrivens, J. A.; Wills, C. K.

4 subjects

Avery, F. A.; Burn, B. W.; Cairns, D. C.; Carr, J. J.; Carrod, B. J.; Dawes, K. W.; Hamblen, J.; Humphreys, L. S.; Luckie, J. A.; Picton, A. W.; Posti, J.; Twigg, D. L.

3 subjects

Campbell, N. P.; Carter, B. D.; Cooper, M.; Harman, R. J.; Healey, J. R.; Smith, R. G.; Talmage, M. R.; Wilkerson, G. S.

SIXTH FORM CERTIFICATES

Key to Abbreviations

English (E); Latin (L); French (F); History (H); Geography (Gy); German (G); Spanish (Sp); Economics (Ec); Pure Mathematics (PM); Applied Mathematics (AM); Higher Mathematics (HM); Pure and Applied Mathematics (PAM); Physics (P); Chemistry (C); Botany (Bot); Zoology (Zy); Biology (B); Woodwork (W); Music (Mu); Art (A); Engineering Drawing (ED); Russian (R).

* indicates an 'A' Level distinction.

† indicates a place at University.

Name	Advanced Level	Special Papers
Bachelor, K. W.	F.	
† Bass, C. M.	P, C. B.	
Bell, M. J. B.	H. Ec.	
† Benstock, D. M. J.	PAM, P.	P ² .
† Boul, A. D.	P.	
Bray, T. W.	F.	
† Britton, F. J.	F.	
Chantler, R. H.	H. Ec*, Gy.	
Columbine, R. H.	PAM, AM.	
† Courtts, R. H.	E, Ec*, Gy.	Gy ² .
† Croker, J. C.	AM, P*.	
† Cross, A. S.	F.	
† Dawson, R. P.	P, C.	
Durbin, S. R.	H, Ec*, Gy.	
Elliott, K. L.	E, Ec.	
Faulks, D. H.	C.	
† Field, H. J.	P, C, B.	
† Flynn, N.	E, F. Ec.	Ec ² .
Gardner, L. W.	PAM, B, C.	

Name	Advanced Level	Special Papers
Gearing, A. J.	E, F, G.	
Godfrey, D. J.	C.	
† Grant, J. J.	PM*, HM, P.	PM ¹ .
† Griffiths, P. L.	L, F*, R.	F ² .
Hamilton, J. R.	PM.	
Hancock, R. R.	F, G, Ec.	
Hardie, J.	PM, P.	
† Hawke, J. V.	E, Ec.	
Hester, G. M.	F.	
† Hughes, M. D.	E, G, A.	
† Johnson, A. W.	Ec*, Gy, B.	
Jordan, B. F.	E, H, Ec*.	
Keogh, A. J.	PM.	
† Knight, D. R.	PAM*, P, C.	
Lane, C. J.	Ec, Gy.	
† Langford, N. F.	PAM, P.	
Lister, R. B.	Ec, Gy, PAM.	Gy ² .
† Lister, R.	L, F*, G.	
Lovell, M. J.	PAM, P, C.	
Lynch, J. R. J.	H, Ec, Gy.	
† Moore, G. P.	E, F.	
Mrowka, S. J.	PAM, P, C.	
† Murray, J. A.	F, R.	
† Nelson, J. G.	H, Ec, Gy.	H ¹ .
Overton, J. M.	PM.	
† Parker, M.	PAM, P, C, Mu.	
Parsons, A. R.	L.	
Pell, A. J. A.	Gy.	
† Perkins, G. R.	P, C.	P ² , C ¹ .
† Price, B. W. P.	PAM, P, C.	
† Quentin, A. D.	PM, P.	PM ² , P ¹
† Raisbeck, J.	E, F.	
† Robinson, D.	Gy, P.	
† Rouse, M. H.	PAM, P.	
Sargent, R. L.	H, Ec*, Gy.	Ec ² , Gy ² .
† Scott, R.	E, H, Gy, A.	
† Sharpe, D. A.	A.	
Sharpshouse, R. P.	W.	
† Singleton, A. K. J.	H, M, P*.	P ² .
† Skidmore, R. M.	P, C.	
† Smith, P. B.	H, Ec, Gy.	
† Solomon, D. J.	P, C, B.	
Spalding, R. J.	PAM*, P.	
† Spellman, G. P.	H, Ec, Gy*.	Gy ² .
† Taylor, F. V.	PM, AM, P, A.	AM ² .
† Taylor, I. R.	H, Ec*, Gy.	
† Thatcher, A. J.	F, G, R.	
† Timms, C. A.	G*.	
Towersey, A.	E, F, G.	G ² .
Traylen, N. G.	L.	
† Twisleton, J. H.	H, Ec, Gy.	
Walker, B. C.	H, M.	
Walker, G. R. L.	F.	
Walker, R. G.	PM*, AM*, P.	PM ¹ .
Wallace, G. M.	PM.	
† Watson, G. W.	PM*, AM, P.	
† Watson, M. C.	H, Ec, Gy.	
Weller, A. J.	PM.	
† West, G. R.	PAM, P.	
White, D. R.	F, G, Ec.	
White, P. T.	H, Ec.	
Wood, T. I.	PM*, AM*, P.	PM ¹ .

HOUSE NOTES

GRAY HOUSE

Senior House Master: Mr. Binstead
House Captain: G. Wallace. *Games Captain:* R. Lang
Secretary: R. Bolland

This has been for Gray House a year of moderate, although not unbroken success. Our reputation was, however, more than upheld on the sports field—after a disappointing season of cricket and athletics last summer, we achieved first place in soccer in the inter-house competitions last April. We have also been well represented in this season's record-breaking football 1st XI. In this respect special mention should go to our House Captain, Wallace, who not only played for this team, but also captained the County team and attended the F.A. schools' week. He was re-awarded colours, while Kitching gained colours and Eaglestone half-colours for their performance at soccer.

R. Lang, the vice-captain of the hockey team, who has also, this year, played for the County, was re-awarded colours. New colours were received by Willatts, for hockey, and Morflew, for rugby, who are also both secretaries of their respective teams. Finally, half-colours were awarded to Smith for hockey, to Bloxham for rugby, and to Twigg for cross-country.

As always, members of the house have taken part with great credit in all fields of school activity in addition to sport, but it is unfortunate that some of our most able members have left for university in the past year or two. Our representation at the top of the school has consequently fallen a little short of the excellent standard reported in recent school magazines. However, to our disadvantage we have this year a relatively small upper sixth—indeed there is now no third year sixth-former in Gray House. The fact that we make up only a fifth of the total strength of school prefects is therefore no cause for dismay.

Lastly, I should like to thank, on behalf of the house, all members of staff who have helped and taken an interest in our affairs, especially our senior housemaster, Mr. Binstead.

R. H. BOLLAND, *Secretary*.

HAMPDEN HOUSE

Senior House Master: Mr. Vivash
House Captain: G. Walker
Football Captain: K. Messenger *Cricket Captain:* G. Walker
Athletics Captain: G. Hester *Tennis Captain:* B. Aherne
Cross-country Captain: R. Scott *House Recorder:* S. Thompson

This year has been one of success for Hampden both academically and in other spheres of activity. Although academically we did not have any outstanding successes, we sent nine boys from Hampden either to university or to other places of further education. These were: A. Cross (Edinburgh); R. Dawson (Bradford C.A.T.); R. Faulkes (London); N. Flynn (Sussex); D. Knight (Northampton Coll., London); J. Nelson (Manchester); A. Pell (Oxford Air Training Coll.); P. Smith (Nottingham); G. West (Brunel).

The outstanding sporting achievement in Hampden House, and, indeed, in the school, was Kenneth Messenger's selection as reserve for the England Youth Football Team. Messenger, Hester and Grantham played for the Bucks Grammar Schools. Avis and Keats played for the School 1st XI; all gained their colours. B. Aherne captained the school hockey team, and also played for the County. P. Cannings played for the school.

We were well represented in the Rugby XV by S. Thompson, A. Chenhall, D. Wallington, P. Bell and P. White.

A. Weller captained the school basketball team in which G. Hester and C. Avis also played. In the annual school sports, Hampden did exceedingly well and convincingly won the Johnson Cup.

Several boys from Hampden were on committees of school societies and in dramatic and musical presentations giving us representatives in every field of school activity, something we hope will continue in future years.

Once again Hampden has provided a head boy, Peter White, and he must

be congratulated for the amount of work he has put into his difficult job.

In conclusion, we would like to thank all our Housemasters, especially Mr. Vivash, for the keen interest which they have shown in the House and all its activities.

S. A. THOMPSON.

HERSCHEL HOUSE

Senior House Master: Mr. J. Wharmby
Football Captain: J. Hamilton *Cross-country Captain:* I. Watterson
House Captain: D. Dilnot *Volleyball Captain:* R. Bull

This has been a year of several highlights, which have broken the usual collection of academic and sporting attainments.

Many boys have left us to go to university: Lynch (Birmingham); Taylor (London); Jordan (Aberystwyth); Coutts (Exeter); Durbin (Nottingham); Chantler (Liverpool); Griffiths (Liverpool); Johnson (Sheffield); Skidmore (Birmingham C.A.T.); G. Spellman (Birmingham); Watson (Portsmouth C.A.T.). Special mention must be given to J. Overton, who will be staying on to further his studies in the 3rd Sixth after already gaining a place at Oxford.

This year the sporting honours have been gained by individuals rather than by our house teams. However, we did have our moment of glory when we won the newly-formed Volleyball League. Our A and B teams took first and second places. This was a poor year for football and cross-country as our teams could only take third place in both championships.

In the School teams we did much better, supplying the captain, John Hamilton, and a nucleus of six other players for the record-breaking 2nd XI.

We formed the backbone of the School cross-country team, with six members. Potter was awarded colours for his efforts in this team.

We had captain and vice-captain of the Rugby 1st XV. Juri Posti had the great honour of being awarded his Bucks County Colts Cap early on in the rugby season.

Other honours were received by D. Dilnot and K. Spellman. Dilnot was honoured by being chosen for an England representative cross-country team that ran in Belgium, and Spellman had the distinction of playing cricket for Bucks on several occasions. But perhaps the most outstanding sporting performance was when A. Johnson took third place in the All England Schools' Championships in the Triple Jump.

In the School Bridge Team of eight there were six Herschel members, with R. Bull as captain of the team.

We were at the forefront of the school's artistic achievements this year, supplying three actors, C. White, D. Lawrence and A. Morton for both the French play and the School play. We have supplied several members of the school orchestra, of which Morton is leader. In many other aspects of school life we have supplied people to help in essential services in the library, in school societies and in many other functions and activities. We have the largest number of school prefects.

Herschel would like to acknowledge the great debt it owes to all its house masters for the effort they put into running the house, particularly at the top of the school where our numbers have swollen beyond recognition—thank you.

D. DILNOT.

MILTON HOUSE

Senior House Master: Mr. W. J. Wall
House Captain: Rodney Lister
Football: Rodney Lister *Cross-country:* A. Moore
Athletics: A. Parsons *Cricket:* T. Bray

This has been yet another good year for Milton in both sporting and academic fields.

Richard Walker gained an exhibition at Pembroke College, Oxford, and the following have secured university places as indicated: R. Lister (Queen Mary College, London); A. Towersey (Southampton); J. Raisbeck (Leicester); T. Bray (London); Richard Lister (L.S.E.); J. Hawke (Leeds).

Rodney Lister was appointed Deputy Head Boy, captains the School and County Soccer XI's., played for the F.A. Colts—and excelled in the leading part in the French play. His departure at Easter left a great gap and we all wish him, with all other leavers, the very best of luck.

We provided five members of the School 1st Soccer XI, five of the Hockey XI as well as four of the Rugby XV.

Anthony Michael Moore excelled in cross-country running. We were runners-up in both soccer and cross-country Inter-House Tournaments—winning the senior section in each.

In the musical field R. Walker, C. Parker and K. Stevenson (quel chanteur!) maintained our high reputation.

Robbed of our stalwarts Lister and Towersey, the actor and producer, we shall be hard put to it to reach the heights on Sports Day: we need tremendous support from the Junior members!

Our thanks go to every boy who has pulled his weight for the House and to our Housemasters, in particular Mr. Wall, for their great encouragement.

W.W.



OUTLINE

M. R. Massey

PART TWO

DRAMA
 THE GOVERNMENT INSPECTOR
 by N. Gogol
 CAST

MAYOR	C. White
ANNA, his wife	R. Lang
MARYA, his daughter	M. Harding
SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT	J. Overton
HIS WIFE	P. Murphy
JUDGE	A. Towersey
CHARITY COMMISSIONER	B. Aherne
POSTMASTER	M. Denham
BOBCHINSKY	I. Jordan
DOBCHINSKY	P. Stevens
POLICE SUPERINTENDENT	D. Gordon
HIS WIFE	R. Jeeps
HLESTAKOV, a Junior Official	A. Morton
YOSIF, his Servant	M. Hardwick
MISHKA, a House-boy	P. Gough
ABDULIN	A. Wickens
A MERCHANT	S. Brown
A MERCHANT	G. Brickell
SERGEANT'S WIFE	R. Jeeps
LOCKSMITH'S WIFE	P. Murphy
1ST CONSTABLE	R. Parker
2ND CONSTABLE	B. Brooks
A WAITER, A GENDARME AND A COACH DRIVER	S. Fortado
GUESTS	B. Brooks, R. Parker, G. Brickell, G. Sapiets, S. Brown
PETITIONERS	G. Brickell, A. Wickens, S. Brown, P. Murphy, R. Jeeps
<i>Stage Setting:</i>	
Design	ROMEO DI GIROLAMO
Construction and Painting	R. DI GIROLAMO, JOHN LUCKIE, COLIN MANSFIELD, MICHAEL BIRCH
Stage Management	F. D. GIBSON, GEOFFREY HESTER, MICHAEL LUCKIE, MICHAEL DONOGHUE
Lighting and Sound	D. A. ROGERS, RICHARD WALKER, NIGEL HODGSON, IAN KITCHING
Make-up	J. S. MASON, O. HOLGATE, ROY ALLCORN, JOHN STANLEY, DONALD BULL
Business Manager	J. WHARMBY
Costumes	O. HOLGATE, BLACK LION COSTUMES
Production	G. FALLOWS, ADRIAN TOWERSEY

Following the tradition of school plays in recent years, the Swan Players this year presented 'The Government Inspector' by Nikolai Gogol, another play not usually in the repertoire of a school dramatic society. Again it was a fairly difficult play for the cast, yet as we have come to expect, under the direction of Mr. Fallows, they carried all before them and provided a most amusing and entertaining evening.

The plot of the play is fairly simple: when the mayor of a provincial Russian town suddenly learns that a government official is on his way to inspect the town, he and his corrupt cronies expect to be flung into the icy wastes of Siberia. By their mismanagement they have allowed the town to sink into a thoroughly despicable state. A foppish, spendthrift clerk is mistaken for the Inspector and finds himself being fêted and bribed by a procession of nit-wit officials, and minutes before the genuine Inspector appears on the scene leaves, much better off than when he arrived.

However simple this plot may seem, it provides a firm foundation for both Gogol's humour and satire on corruption and small-minded gullibility. The setting is local, but Gogol's comment is universal and timeless in its significance.

Heading the cast was Charles White as the Mayor. He gave a convincing

portrait of the snivelling Mayor scared out of his wits by the impending visit of the Inspector. White fitted the part perfectly and carried off his part with a great deal of flair and verve, as always fully in control, which seemingly gave one or two of the less experienced members of the cast more confidence. Another stalwart of recent school dramatics, Andrew Morton, as Hlestakov the junior official mistaken for the Inspector, gave another convincing performance. He played the dandy to perfection, attacking the lines brilliantly in his drinking scene in front of the town's officials. Although in some critics' opinion this not quite as good as his 'Mary Stuart', it was up to the high standard we have come to expect from him, and which we can expect both from Morton and White in the future.

Michael Hardwick as Yosif, Hlestakov's manservant, gave perhaps the best interpretation of the three comic parts. He threw himself wholeheartedly into the part with all his natural vitality and sense of humour. The only complaint that can be levelled at him is that the broad accent he had assumed occasionally made him slightly inaudible, but this was only a minor fault in his performance.

Both Robert Lang and Malcolm Harding gave competent performances as the mayor's wife and daughter respectively, although both were somewhat lacking in the natural movements of women. Nevertheless they gave spirited performances in difficult rôles, Harding's voice and inflections carrying especially well.

As the elderly judge, Adrian Towersey was undoubtedly the best of the town's bevy of corrupt officials. Obviously more experienced than the other officials, his performance did not suffer from the excess of exuberance of both Aherne and Overton, or the lack of involvement of Denham, the other official.

Ian Jordan and Paul Stevens gave very good performances as the bumbling, incompetent town gossips, Bobchinsky and Dobchinsky. There was a great deal of 'rapport' between them, and their performances augur well for both in the future.

To turn away from the actors, Mr. di Girolamo and his team must be given a special mention for the excellence of their sets which have been a feature of school plays in the past few years. We are indeed lucky to be able to rely on sets of such high standard for all our dramatic ventures. Still backstage, Mr. Gibson and the rest of his stage management team must be congratulated for the speed and efficiency with which they carried out their difficult task, and Mr. Mason, Mrs. Holgate and Co. are also to be congratulated for their make-up, as usual of a very high standard.

Finally, Mr. Fallows must be warmly congratulated for another enjoyable and successful production, and for managing to keep alive the spirit of enthusiasm so evident in the play, through all the long hours of rehearsal.

S. A. THOMPSON.

LE BOURGEOIS GENTILHOMME by Molière

MONSIEUR JOURDAIN, a rich bourgeois	Rodney Lister
MADAME JOURDAIN, his wife	David Lawrence
LUCILE, his daughter	Eric Froggatt
NICOLE, a maid	Malcolm Harding
CLÉONTE, lover of Lucile	Simon Thompson
COVIELLE, valet of Cléonte	Adrian Towersey
DORANTE, count, and lover of Dorimène	Graham Walker
DORIMÈNE, marchioness	Nicholas Alexander
MUSIC MASTER	Colin Parker
PUPIL OF MUSIC MASTER	Kenneth Stevenson
DANCING MASTER	Andrew Morton
FENCING MASTER	Jean Prieur
MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY	Charles White
MASTER TAILOR	Andrew Parsons
Scenery and artwork under direction of	MR. R. DI GIROLAMO
Lighting under direction of	MR. D. A. ROGERS
Make-up under direction of	MR. D. A. TURNER

Prompters R. HANNAM and C. DAVIS
 Stage Manager M. DONOGHUE
 Organ T. CUMPER
 Front of House PETER WHITE, MR. P. J. SMITH,
 MR. P. B. WILLS

Acknowledgements to JEAN PRIEUR, MRS. O. HOLGATE,
 MR. J. MOUTRIE and MR. P. BOND
 Produced by MESSRS. J. S. BOARDALL and F. E. DUTTON

This 'comédie-ballet', written by Molière in 1670 'pour le divertissement du roi', is a satire on the wealthy 'bourgeois gentilhomme' who clumsily attempts to live like an aristocrat. Molière himself wrote: 'La grande règle de toutes les règles est de plaire', and his satire is good-natured rather than bitter or mocking. This light-hearted appeal is greatly enhanced by the accompanying music, composed for the play by Lulli, and by the colour of the Turkish Ceremony, which offsets a swift and anti-climatic dénouement in the final act.

The lengthy and taxing rôle of the bourgeois gentilhomme, M. Jourdain, was taken by Rodney Lister, who emerged as the unequivocal star of the evening. He succeeded, by a masterly portrayal of naiveté, in capturing the essential absurdity and irony of Jourdain's situation. He combined the clumsiness of a simpleton—he was hilariously uncouth when dining with the refined Count Dorante—with the unctuous servility toward superiors and disdain towards imagined inferiors. His performance culminated in a mood of ecstatic vanity, still ignorant that he has been gulled by every other character in the play.

Contrasting with Lister, Graham Walker played Count Dorante with bland urbanity. He had some difficulty over his lines on the first night, but with the sang-froid and refined mannerisms of the aristocrat, he always carried his part convincingly.

David Lawrence made a highly competent début as Jourdain's long-suffering wife. He brought into sharp relief the folly of the bourgeois by a rough and ready air of common sense, bursting forth in alternating derision and fury at Jourdain's ludicrous antics and parasitic friends. He was particularly effective in exchanges with the over-polite Dorante. M. Harding as her maid Nicole, who has a similar contempt for Jourdain, received well-deserved appreciation from the audience for a brief but amusing performance.

Nicholas Alexander's Dorimène, one of only four female rôles in the play, was on the other hand lacking in the dignity appropriate to a countess, and he perhaps might have been more imperiously indignant at Jourdain's boorish behaviour.

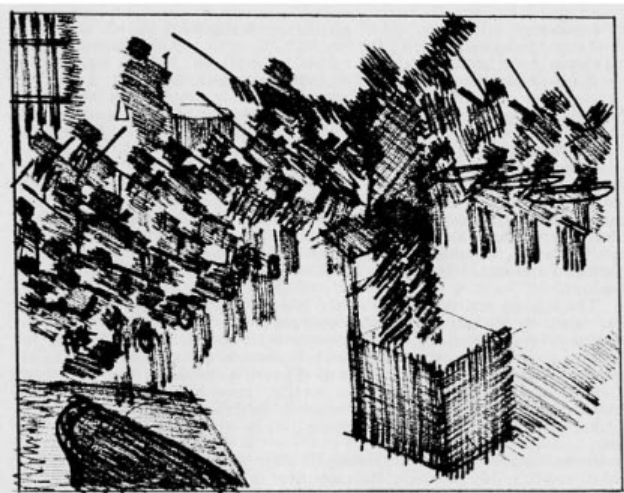
Simon Thompson tended at times to be slightly wooden in his speech, but gave a highly creditable performance as Cléonte, particularly in the Turkish episodes.

Two highly experienced school actors ensured that the generally excellent standards were maintained in the relatively minor rôles, as well as in the larger ones. Charles White played the Master of Philosophy with great vitality, and conveyed indefatigable enthusiasm as he rapturously extolled the delights of natural science, or embarked on the unenviable task of teaching Jourdain to spell.

Andrew Morton, as the Dancing Master, bore out his stage experience by the effortless skill of his acting—and was characteristically poised and relaxed on stage.

The spoken French was not neglected in a performance of high dramatic merit. To successfully stage such a play, which in parts requires rather more than the usual dramatic skills of its actors, is no small achievement. Much credit is due to the producers, Messrs. Boardall and Dutton, for the highly polished school performance, staged on March 30th and April 1st. The comedy blended remarkably well with the original and delightfully appropriate music, and the exotic mock-Turkish ceremony—where a small fault in timing might have ruined its effectiveness—must surely be one of the most unusual and memorable scenes produced on our school stage.

R. BOLLAND, D. HORSTEAD.



D. KITSON 5th

MUSIC

THE SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

This year the Orchestra has kept up its high standard of playing in spite of certain setbacks. The first was that Mr. Joyner left the school to work as a professional singer, which rather left the brass section high and dry until Mr. Bond started it again; the second was that several of our most experienced and valuable players also left us. Hugh Field, our leader for some years, and Richard Walker, bassoonist, went to do research work before starting their university careers; Martin Parker, trumpet, went to university; and Colin Whiteley, an extremely competent oboist, moved to Bournemouth. Fortunately they decided to leave after the Christmas Concert, which was very successful. Besides accompanying the choir and audience in the traditional carols, the Orchestra played the Vivaldi Violin Concerto in G with Hugh Field as soloist, the Bach Double Concerto for Violin and Oboe with Andrew Morton and Colin Whiteley, and with a quick change of instruments, tempo and mood, 'When the Saints Go Marching In' with the First Form Harmonica Group.

It is hoped that we have not heard the last of this harmonica ensemble, because as well as being very valuable training in rhythm and melody, it's lots of fun! The Orchestra hopes to add another dimension to its music in the form of a double-bass in the near future. This year we are welcoming many violinists, and we hope that anyone in the school who plays or would like to learn an orchestral instrument will join us.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Clark, Mr. Slater, Mr. Wiseman and Mr. Hampshire who so often supplement our players; to Miss Wykes who is now leaving the school after training many generations of string players; and, of course, to Mr. Moutrie and Mr. Bond for their enthusiasm and guidance throughout the year.

A. P. MORTON.

MUSIC SOCIETY

Chairman: C. A. Parker

Secretary: K. Stevenson.

Treasurer: C. Whiteley

Despite difficulties of recruitment of new members the activities of this year's society have been favourably comparable with those of previous years.

Early on in the year, lunchtime record concerts were arranged, but these were of little success. However, success followed later in the year when, in conjunction with the High School, we made our annual opera visit to Sadlers Wells to see Mozart's 'Marriage of Figaro'. This was a very fine performance and was thoroughly enjoyed by all those who came with us, even by those who make no claim to be musical.

K. STEVENSON.

THE ASSEMBLY CHOIR

This year the choir has continued to meet regularly every morning and has performed several anthems in assembly.

In the annual carol concert last December the choir provided the nucleus of the singers, especially in the treble part. In a school choir of this sort the treble line is always the most difficult to establish because of the unavoidable lack of experience of its members; the boys are naturally young and they tend to tire easily when faced with more difficult music. It is, therefore, particularly gratifying that the treble part in the choir consists entirely of very young boys (almost all first formers) most of whom have great potential, and with a little more experience they will be a very fine group of singers.

C.A.P.

JAZZ CLUB

The Jazz Club has once again flourished. Last year's interest in Blues has waned, and this may have something to do with commercial exploitation of the idiom. Certainly the craze for R and B has collapsed as suddenly as it came about, because of wearisome repetition. In its place has come a more discriminating taste for Jazz and for this reason the Jazz Club is sustaining higher attendances than for some years past. Most members this year came from the fifth form, and there is a solid core of regulars. More people do come in but the number varies according to the weather outside.

The taste of the Club is quite catholic, but has a marked tendency towards the modern in Jazz. The committee therefore tries to present as wide a range as possible. So far we have covered the whole gamut of Jazz experience, from the earliest Oliver/Armstrong, to Bix Beiderbecke, James P. Johnson and early Ellington, through Gillespie, Miles Davis and the Bop School (not forgetting Charlie Parker) to Roland Kirk and Charlie Mingue. These last are the most modern that we have played and we have not presented any of the most recent avant-garde Jazz. This is a pity in many ways, for the avant-garde school is the most healthy and vital in Jazz at the moment and its members are laying a firm foundation for future development. Unfortunately, too many people tend to reject out of hand what they regard as musical anarchy, but what serious music students will know is just an extension of the systems of Schönberg and his contemporaries at the beginning of the century.

As to the method of presentation, the committee have had hopes of varying the formula of introductory talk—record recital that has always been used. These hopes have not had much effect but we have increased the scope of our activities. On April the 23rd several of the Club joined a party from Langley Grammar School to hear Thelonius Monk at the Royal Festival Hall. This concert was most enjoyable. And at the end of the Autumn Term, S. Thompson gave a lecture on 'The History of Jazz' to the young ladies of the High School. With invaluable assistance from C. White, who held the records, he entertained them for over an hour. We think they appreciated the talk, for they gave us a cup of coffee afterwards.

Finally we would like to thank Mr. Boardall, our sponsor, for his able sponsorship, and the Music Department for letting us borrow their record player. The committee would also like to thank Paul Stevens for his help with Club posters. His pungent caricatures have livened up the notice board and influenced a number of imitators.

C. WHITE.

CADET NOTES

Last year our camp was situated at Penhale, not far from Newquay in Cornwall, and judged on the weather alone, could be counted as successful. On top of good weather, however, was the excellent site of the camp, overlooking a fine surfing beach. All the cadets made good use of the facilities for training and pleasure with great enthusiasm. The camp competitions were all won by 'C' Company of which the School unit was the main contingent. The competitions were drill, hill-climb, cross-country running and tug-o'-war in which we even beat a T.A. team. The School force was ably led by Walker and it can only be hoped that this year's camp will be as successful. This year we go to Digate near Folkestone for the nominal charge of £1 5s. for the whole fortnight.

The rest of the year provided us with plenty of opportunities to remind County Headquarters of our presence, not least in sport.

The county football team had three of our members—G. Walker, I. Kitching and N. Hodgson—and the team once again reached the final of the district competition only to be beaten as before, this time by Dorset.

Rugby was a new venture for the County this year. Team members this time were D. Wallington, I. Kitching and K. Jones. The team reached the semi-final of the National Championships by beating Kent 16—0 and Glamorgan, who were the holders, 12—6. The team was beaten, however, by a much stronger Somerset team at Taunton with a score that shall go unrecorded. Team members are indebted to Mr. Browne for his generous help in transporting them all over the countryside for matches. Cross-country running was supported by I. Watterson.

Congratulations are extended to cadets for their examination successes. These were 'Cert. A' Part I.: M. Feather, T. Cumper, S. Garrett, T. Garrad, M. Kempster and M. Kenneally; and in the Signals Classification, I. Watterson, R. Peacop, G. Low and K. Jones.

Two half-term manoeuvres were undertaken this year at our Marlow training ground. The first was of the nature of one platoon pursuing another platoon who kept fighting rear-guard actions or laying ambushes. After chasing this elusive platoon over the training ground they were finally caught in the corner of the woods and after a 'recce' patrol had surveyed the position a successful attack was put in and the enemy wiped out.

The second manoeuvre, last February, took the form of a series of five initiative tests in which the new recruits also participated. The five sections, three of cadets and two of recruits, were given directions and map references and dropped off the coach at various points in the countryside. When reaching an objective they had to perform certain tasks and then were given directions to the next test. The recruits did very well in this. A late lunch was then cooked and a demonstration by the cadets rounded off a successful day.

The highlight of the year was the alterations to our accommodation which is now almost palatial, but perhaps lacks the atmosphere of the old quarters (there is nowhere to display the fruits of various hobbies). The larger accommodation does however allow each branch to have its own room, signals, stores, armoury and office and there is also a large canteen, so our tea making is now self-supporting.

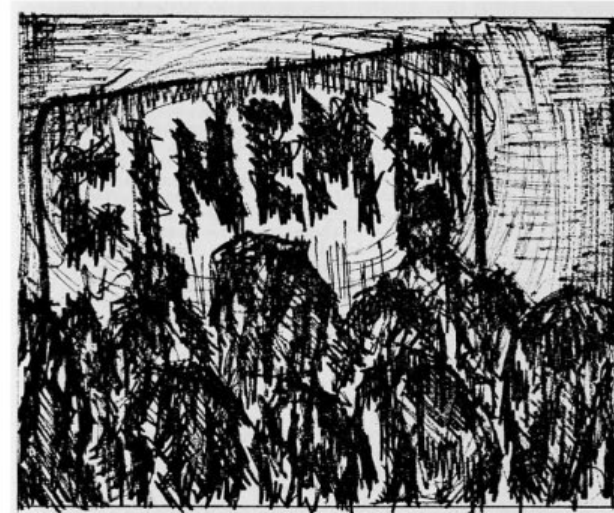
The provision of a signals' room now means we can rejoin the Schools' National Radio Net, and already we have received many cards confirming a contact from places as far away as Scotland and Northern Ireland. This interest, I hope, will encourage more cadets to take up signals. We are still awaiting the results of a recent competition in which we hope to have gained recognition.

Welcomed to our ranks come new recruits whom we hope will persevere through the rigours of initial training and extract the ultimate amount of enjoyment from the cadets in later years. The new recruits are P. D. Appleby, A. Bastin, D. W. Braxton, D. Challinor, R. F. Devlin, I. J. Donnachie, P. W. Fletcher, B. L. Lannon, P. A. Pearce, J. S. A. Price, S. Shaw and B. C. J. Smith.

The Duncombe Cup .22 shooting competition has now been moved to the summer months, a move that will gladden the hearts of old competitors, and has not yet been competed for. We are hoping to take this trophy for the fourth year in succession. If we do win, it will be a fitting end to a successful year.

I. G. KITCHING.

THEATRE AND CINEMA CLUB



Patron: Mr. F. E. Dutton
Chairman: D. Horstead Secretary: C. Davis
Treasurer: R. Bolland Asst. Secretary: C. Barnett

We have spent a busy year skilfully avoiding bankruptcy. But although we may not be one of the school's more affluent societies, we may justly claim that this is because of increased activity rather than lack of it. For we have attempted to give the society a more serious and cultured character. Particularly did we wish to avoid some of the more humiliating fiascos organised by our predecessors—as when last year half of 'On the Waterfront' somehow disengaged itself from its spool and entangled itself around the audience.

Our first idea was to shift the emphasis of the society more to theatre visits. The exorbitant cost of obtaining bookings, and the competition for all seats at popular shows unfortunately rendered this worthy objective rather impracticable. We then decided to enter an entirely new field—the showing of serious films. Our first enterprise, 'Murder in the Cathedral', by T. S. Eliot,

was rather disappointing because of faulty equipment. But the three foreign films we have since shown have met with an encouraging success. And since 'Le Mariage de Figaro', 'Der Hauptmann von Köpenick' and 'Der Zerbrochene Krug' have all been film versions of plays in the 'A' Level course, we believe they have been helpful to sixth-form linguists. We have just managed to cover ourselves financially by inviting parties from other schools in the district to these performances.

We realise, however, that these activities do not appeal to the majority. We have therefore attempted a much reduced programme of popular films as far as subs would allow us. Left with a legacy of a few shillings from last year, and confronted by general apathy this year, we have to date only been able to show the comedy 'Crooks Anonymous'. This was well-received at a crowded showing last autumn. Academic commitments permitting, we hope to show one or two more films to suit a wider taste this summer—possibly including 'The Ipcress File'.

For the future, we should like to continue to concentrate on films of an artistic and educational nature—there is a good potential in this minority field which has been rather neglected in the past. We shall also make a more determined effort to arrange theatre visits, although booking charges and support from the school will control our degree of success here.

We very much appreciate Mr. Dutton's patronage, and should like to thank Messrs. Boardall and Mason for helping him with the 'sitting in' at our films. We are also grateful to our faithful band of ushers and furniture movers, including D. Hillier, R. Terry, C. Hart, R. Allcorn and I. Cooke, and also to the cinematographers, M. Dockray and J. Overton. The Slough Co-operative Film Society and Educational Department have been very helpful and kindly lent us, free of charge, their projector on one occasion when our own broke down. Incidentally, the Co-op Film Society regularly shows films of a purely artistic kind—information and tickets can be obtained from members of the T. & C. Club Committee. Our final 'thank you' is to Mrs. Kemp and Mrs. Garrett, the school secretaries, for their patient assistance.

R. H. BOLLAND, D. C. HORSTEAD.

SCHOOL LIBRARY

Head Librarian: R. H. Bolland. *Deputy Head Librarian:* C. Davis.

Senior Librarians: C. White, D. Horstead, C. Barnett, R. Hardy

Assistants: K. Jones, N. Alexander, P. Stevens, J. Peacock, J. Black, P. Gough, R. Jeeps, R. Wilson.

Consolidation has been the library's theme this year. After our resettlement last year and the rapid expansion of stock we have had time to concentrate on the smooth running of our service and, with the help of suggestions from the staff and the generous book grant, we continue to keep abreast of most aspects of learning. Largest of the additions to stock are a number of what are known as outsize books. These have separate shelves and cover many fields of knowledge. Biggest of them all is the Atlas of Britain, which is too big even for the outsize shelves and has to be kept in the Library back room. This is only one of a number of books kept here which are available on demand at any time during library hours. We also have a historical series, consisting of folders of leaflets and documents reproduced from the original print on such subjects as the Vote, the voyage of the Mayflower and several other topics of interest to historians.

In our Fiction department the stock is being increased steadily, and we like to think that more of the classics of English Literature are being read. We also have a large selection of books lent to us by the County Library. Although the shelves devoted to these are completely filled we have not taken our complete quota. We would draw attention to the number of useful non-fiction books here which were chosen with great care by the Senior Librarians themselves.

On the subject of Library discipline, we can report that behaviour has improved this year and there have been no long term bannings. We hope the school does not take this as a sign of any relaxation of library rules. They are still enforced, but what we are doing is to try to be less obtrusive in our persuasion. In response to the probably well-founded criticism that in telling a boy to be quiet the librarian makes more noise than the offender in the first place, people are now told to be quiet or get out in normal speaking voice instead of in a peremptory tone from the other side of the room. Apart from this, the most tedious matter is the untidiness of the shelves. The Librarians try very hard to put them right all the time, but our efforts are frustrated by the readers who come along afterwards and put books back in the wrong place. The books are clearly numbered on their spines and it should be a fairly simple thing for a grammar school boy to find the correct position for whatever book he has been perusing. After all, the eleven plus examination was probably passed through the ability to put figures and letters in order. Of course it is not always easy to be exact about it, but one does not expect to find volume seven of the Encyclopaedia Britannica in the Biography Section, as one of us did. It is most important that the reader should be able to find books in proper places as easily as possible and so the Librarians appeal to their clients to keep the shelves tidy.

Finally the Librarians would like to express their thanks to Mr. Gibson whose advice is as informed and welcome as always. Again, our thanks are due to Mrs. Newbery who now comes in twice a week to help us cope with the flow of books. It is only with their help and encouragement that we can keep anywhere near a professional standard in our service. We may claim that we are the best stocked school library in the area, but it is only because of Mr. Gibson and Mrs. Newbery that our service is as good.

C. WHITE.

THE ART SCENE

This year the artists of the school have achieved an even greater degree of success than in previous years.

At the Beaumont College Art Competition, S. Bell won the trophy for the overall best painting. He faced strong competition from the numerous other schools of the area.

Our next success was gaining first prize for the school with the best standard of work. Originally four hundred schools were invited to enter, but the number which finally took part in the competition was fifty. This result reflects the excellent tuition given throughout the school.

Following this accomplishment the Art Adviser for Buckinghamshire borrowed a number of paintings in order to hang them in the office of the Chief Education Officer of the County.

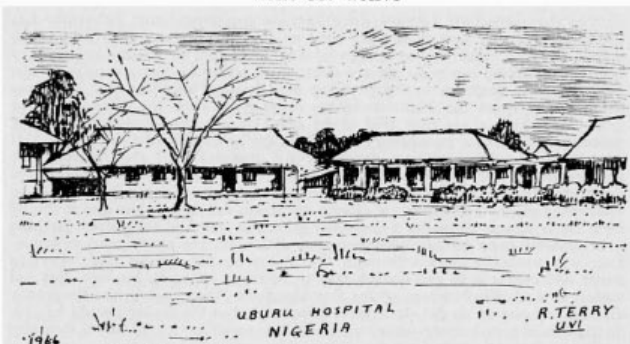
The work of the art students was not only limited to paintings. The scenery for 'The Government Inspector' was constructed and painted by members of the Art Department together with Mr. R. di Girolamo. At the time of going to print, scenery for the French play is being constructed. In addition a relatively new activity has been pottery.

By reading this report one would imagine the school possessed a very large Art Room. However, the opposite is true, and this has had the effect of limiting the number of meetings we have been able to hold outside normal lessons.

However I report another highly successful year and we are looking forward to the results of this year's Slough Arts Festival and the Beaumont College Art Competition.

I would like to thank Mr. R. di Girolamo on behalf of all those studying art for his constant aid and advice throughout the year.

R. TERRY.



The weekly War on Want collection commenced soon after the beginning of the Autumn Term. I am very pleased to be able to report that there has been an improvement on last year's Autumn total.

As the previous organisers had left last summer, the committee were somewhat anxious when collecting began. However, the newly appointed form collectors tackled their job with an enthusiasm which is reflected in the results. These results were boosted by Mr. Moutrie's kind permission to hold a collection at the end of his very successful carol concert. Again, during the Christmas holidays, a group of boys went carol singing and gave the money they collected to War on Want. This praiseworthy action illustrates the school's strong feeling towards War on Want, which led to a term's total of £70, which is very commendable.

During the Spring Term we held a highly successful concert, featuring the 'Tristram Shandy Soul-killers', who are a school group of considerable reputation and who treated us to a mixture of the Jazz and Blues idioms. We invited the girls of St. Bernard's Convent and altogether a large number attended. As to the Spring term collections, they began at a lower level than the Autumn term but picked up encouragingly towards Easter.

At press time we still do not know the result of our Annual Jumble Sale. During the Easter holidays our helpers have been collecting rummage from over a hundred streets—more than double the number covered in previous years. We hope therefore that the increase in takings will be proportionate. Although this is the first experience any of the present committee have had in organising the project, everything is going well so far.

In the future, the committee are considering another concert, a talk on War on Want and more films.

The committee wish to thank Dr. Long for allowing the concert, Mr. Moutrie for allowing the carol concert collection, and Mr. Slater for his advice and help throughout.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD SCHEME

Sponsor: Mr. Turner

The New Year began with a flourish and although some of the less enthusiastic members withdrew as it progressed, there are still some thirty-six participants in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, six of whom are attempting to gain the silver award while the remainder work towards a bronze. The new public service course at Slough Police Station for those taking the silver award, should prove to be of more interest than those courses pursued in previous years. Finally, the society hopes that all its members will take an active and consistent interest in the courses and projects which Mr. Turner and other members of staff have so kindly sponsored. The main expeditions and tests will this year be confined to the relatively short summer term.

THE PRINTING CLUB

Committee: H. Burden, I. Cooke, R. Terry, T. Tindall

Yet another successful year has been completed by the club which is one of the few school societies to hold regular weekly meetings.

Before Christmas the club was sorry to hear that Mr. Charman was leaving after many years as school caretaker. The club would like to express its greatest thanks to him for letting us stay, not only on our regular Friday evenings after school, but also on other evenings when work was pressing.

During the year a visit was made to Oxley & Sons, Windsor, printers of the *Windsor, Slough and Eton Express*. The visit, organised by T. Tindall, proved to be most informative, giving an insight into printing on a scale which we, at school, will obviously never be able to emulate.

After Christmas we moved from the old staff room to the lecture room where we have more space to print. Membership of the club, which is free, but restricted due to lack of space, nevertheless has increased this year with many juniors showing much enthusiasm.

Thanks go to H. Burden, R. Terry and T. Tindall and, of course, to our other hard working members, for their competent work and to Mr. Richards for his guidance of the club.

I. COOKE.

BRIDGE CLUB

With the help of Mr. Dickinson the Bridge Club has flourished this year and membership has increased three-fold. The choice of the school team, which has remained unbeaten for four years, has been very difficult, because there are so many promising players.

At Easter, a team of four, R. Bull, H. Burden, J. Hamilton and A. Weller, will represent the school in the National Schools' Championship to be held in London. Others who have represented the school in previous matches are C. Davis, A. John, C. Morffew, J. Overton and J. Raven.

R. BULL.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

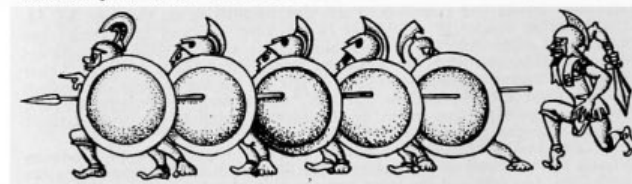
Chairman: D. Hillier.

Secretary: B. Aherne.

Treasurer: J. Whelan.

Committee Members: N. Hardwick, R. Lang, A. Peters.

The year, so far, has been one of moderate success for the society. A number of films have been shown and these have attracted large audiences from all parts of the school. Plans are now afoot for a visit, in May, to



Hastings and Lewes to see some of the interesting features of the celebrations marking the 900th anniversary of the Norman Conquest. Unfortunately lack of time and Sixth Form support have made more adventurous schemes impossible. The society is again much in debt to Mr. Wharmby and Mr. Turner for their advice and practical help.

D. HILLIER, B. AHERNE.

AERONAUTICAL SOCIETY

Sponsor: Mr. Rogers.

Chairman: G. Miller

Unlike other societies of the school, the Aeronautical Society seems to have remained at more or less the same strength over the past six or seven years, and does not experience any wild fluctuations in membership from one year to another. However, the society is rather unfortunate in the fact that many of its members seem only concerned with aircraft registrations and are nonchalant about designs, structures or performances; for them aircraft are only a nondescript mass of numbers and letters. It was this lack of constructive ideas that led to an almost total collapse of a proposal to visit the hangars of B.E.A. and B.O.A.C. at London Airport, both of which offer considerable and varied interest. However, the more enterprising members of the society made the trip and found it enjoyable and extremely worthwhile. The same story could be reiterated for the trip to the Battle of Britain Air Display at Biggin Hill last September. When the trip was announced, support was unanimous but as time progressed the numbers dwindled. The dozen boys who eventually went, were extremely pleased with a function which may disappear altogether in the near future. Aircraft quickly deteriorate and eventually become impossible to fly, and it is only large financial aid and meticulous care which keeps the remaining few airworthy.

Films shown in March were, unfortunately, marred by poor reproduction from the projector and so although the films had great potential interest, sound distortion spoilt their showing. Trips to the British Aircraft Corporation's factory at Hurn Airport, and the International Air Fair at Biggin Hill are proposed.

The society thanks Mr. Rogers for his support.

G. MILLER.

STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT, 1965/6

Committee: I. R. Cartwright, J. M. Overton, A. P. Morton

Our first meeting of the year was a result of the Mission being held in the Parish of St. Mary's, Slough. Two friars from the team came to address us on their lives and work, and more than two hundred boys came to listen, and many searching questions were expertly answered.

Unfortunately, the usual progressive apathy set in and attendances dwindled, with the exception of a meeting addressed by a Hindu on the subject of Hinduism, when nearly forty senior members of our school and the High School listened to a very learned dissertation.

Here should be mentioned the degree of collaboration that the S.C.M. has established between the religious groups at the High School and Langley Grammar School and ourselves. There can be little doubt that the S.C.M. is the leading society in the school in this direction, and the exercise has proved very successful. The first combined effort was a meeting on Anglican-Methodist Reunion, when we welcomed two representative speakers. Other combined ventures to date have been a talk on the significance of Baptism by a Baptist and an Anglican minister, and a series of informative and discussion-provoking film strips on friendships, relationships with parents, martyrs, and other topics.

It has become decidedly apparent that the organisation of Christian Witness in the school needs drastic remodelling. This is understandable since the S.C.M. has followed the same basic pattern of meetings for many years. A start has been made by establishing a successful Scripture Union group for the lower forms, meeting at dinner-times on two days, such being the demand. This is not electioneering, but we can promise a 'new look', a 'better deal' so that you will all be able to say that 'We know the S.C.M. works'. We promise action not just words.

IAN R. CARTWRIGHT.

MODEL RAILWAY CLUB



Chairmen: Messrs. J. W. Boggis and D. A. Rogers.

Once again we can claim to be one of the few school societies to maintain a regular programme of weekly meetings. Construction work on the layout has been the main task this year and members have worked with good purpose. The scheme to make magazines available to members for a small subscription has been successfully operated, and at two Railway Evenings programmes of films and quizzes were held.

We are sorry to have to record the departure at Easter of Mr. Boggis, to whose constant efforts the club owes its existence; we wish him well in Oxford and hope to see him at our meetings from time to time.

The Club meets on Wednesdays at 4—5 p.m. in the Geography Room and anyone interested is welcome to join. D.A.R.

AEROMODELLING CLUB

This new society which has met this year jointly with the Model Railway Club, has as its aim the construction and flying of model aircraft. It is hoped that the first aircraft—the Sky d'hiver, a rubber powered model of the Coupe d'hiver class—will be ready for flying during the Summer term. Further models are in mind, and the Club hopes to be able to afford a petrol engine for one of them.

Any boys interested are welcome at the Club's meetings.

R. EDMUNDS, Chairman.

THE NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Chairman: D. B. Dockray

Secretary: M. R. Massey

Treasurer: D. Dilnot

A disappointing feature of this year has been the lack of support from the lower school. Although the membership has been high this year, too many people from the lower school have been content to watch the occasional film during lunch-break, and ignore other meetings which required some effort on their part.

The traditional fungus foray in Burnham Beeches at the beginning of the

year was a success, and many fascinating varieties of fungi were found and put on exhibition in the school biology laboratory.

We must thank Mr. Wills for a stimulating and informative lecture on butterflies, which was illustrated by a series of excellent colour-slides.

Interest in the school aquaria has grown this year, and some very difficult projects were attempted, including a marine tank. One can only hope that this trend will continue and spread to other fields of natural history.

We all thank Mr. Binstead for his kind assistance throughout the year.
M. R. MASSEY.

INTER-SCHOOL GERMAN SOCIETY

The Inter-School German Society has carried on its activities again this year and has held several of its meetings at this school.

School played host at the first meeting of the year which was a 'German evening'. This gave the opportunity of eating many varieties of typical German fare prepared with the kind assistance of the girls of St. Bernard's Convent, and with punch and service provided by ourselves. The playing of German music created an authentic atmosphere and everyone joined in German folk singing to round off the evening. The attendance was very high at this meeting with over eighty students of German and fifteen members of school German staffs present. It can be considered the most successful enterprise of the year, and perhaps rather overawed other potential hosts.

Shortly before Christmas the Convent was visited by a speaker from Reading University, who talked about university courses in German with particular reference to Reading.

On Friday, February 18th, which was part of the school half term holiday, the society went to see Friedrich Dürrenmatt's 'Die Physiker' at the Taylorian Hall in Oxford. This interesting play, which embraces both the comic and the serious, was acted by members of the Oxford University German Society. We were pleased to be rejoined at the Taylorian by Godfrey Moore from Oxford Technical College, who has been a keen member of the society in past years.

During the year two German films were hired in conjunction with the school Film and Theatre Club and shown on two separate evenings in the Geography Room. Both occasions were very well attended. The films were 'Der Hauptmann von Köpenick' and Kleist's 'Der zerbrochene Krug'; both being on the present 'A' level syllabus in play form.

The High School had planned an evening of German classical music and the Licensed Victuallers' School had invited a visiting speaker, but these meetings unfortunately did not come to fruition.

Meetings were attended by ourselves, St. Bernard's Convent, the High School, Halidon House, Licensed Victuallers' School, Langley G.S. and Burnham G.S.

Our thanks are extended to Mrs. Palme of the Convent and to Mr. Boardall and Mr. Dutton of this school for arranging the interesting activities of the past year.
A. TOWERSEY.

ANGLING SOCIETY

Secretary: P. Conlon. Treasurer: E. Leach
Match Secretary: I. Sturrock

At the beginning of the season, we regretfully said goodbye to Keith Elliott, our former secretary, probably the best angler the school will ever see.

Although hampered by lack of support from the lower forms, the society has achieved considerable success. In this season's Southwark Open match at Windsor, attended by hundreds of anglers from throughout the country, School took first, second and fourth places in the Junior Section. The trophy, annually awarded for the most match points goes narrowly to R. Talbot, just two points ahead of P. Conlon. The best fish, on a school match was a good roach, weighing 1 lb. 6 ozs., caught by S. Pratt, one of the younger members of the Society. Stephen, a second former, takes the trophy awarded to the most promising young member of the Society. E. Leach caught the biggest fish, a 3½ lb. bream. This year's House match was won by Milton, with Hampden second.

With more support from the lower school, the Society should achieve great success next season.
P. CONLON

ELECTION, '66

Slough Grammar School was one of the first in the country to stage mock elections. The first coincided with the General Election of 1951. Therefore as soon as Mr. Wilson announced that an election would be held this March, plans were made for our own poll here at school. It was decided that the election should be a three-cornered affair (in 1964 there had been four candidates, including a 'Social Democrat') and the candidates were chosen: John Overton was to stand for the Conservatives (victorious in the 1964 Mock Election by 11 votes); Barry Aherne for the Labour Part, and Christopher Morffew for the Liberals.

The campaign lasted for four days. On Monday, March 21st, Aherne started the proceedings with his address. One feels that he might have expounded the Socialist policies further rather than spending so much time criticising the Tories and their now famous 'thirteen years of misrule', and eventually almost involving himself in a slanging-match with some sixth form Tory supporters—even though the three candidates had agreed beforehand to ignore questions from the floor until the Question Time on the Thursday. This was indeed the most rowdy of the three election addresses.

The next lunch-time speaker was Overton, on Tuesday. Though the outline of his address was good—he spoke about nearly all of the Conservative policies, and received applause from the biased audience when he described the Tory Education Policy—he did not speak with the force and enthusiasm that could have won him votes. The meeting had been a very quiet, orderly one until, at the end, Overton refused to answer questions. Then cheering and jeering broke out among the various groups of supporters, and it was a few moments before order could be restored.

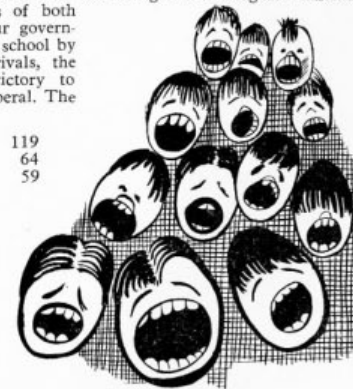
By far the best speech came on Wednesday, 23rd March, from Morffew, the Liberal candidate. An experienced speaker and Liberal party canvasser, he presented the only really convincing speech. Speaking without notes, he explained the Liberal policies and criticised the policies of the other parties with equal enthusiasm and conviction.

Thursday lunch-time was Question Time, with all three candidates answering questions from the floor, clearing up points from their speeches, and winning or losing votes.

The vote was taken the following Monday, three days before the nation went to the polls. Everyone above the Fourth Form was entitled to vote, and very few abstained. The result was something of a foregone conclusion.

Having now seen the faults of both a Conservative and a Labour government, and influenced here at school by a speaker superior to his rivals, the School gave a landslide victory to Christopher Morffew, the Liberal. The full result was:

C. MORFFEY (LIB.)	...	119
J. OVERTON (CON.)	...	64
B. AHERNE (LAB.)	...	59



This year's poll, however, showed that the voters were thinking more, and that perhaps they had been prepared to listen to the speakers rather than vote according to their prejudices. On the other hand this campaign had reflected the national campaign in lacking the excitement of 1964's marginal contest.

Nevertheless the result leaves one far more optimistic than did the 1964 result, after which the Chairman of the Debating Society, which had organised the event, complained that if the voters of tomorrow were prepared to think so little about politics now in the enthusiasms of their school days, there is a poor future for national elections.

D. HORSTEAD (U VI), R. BOLLAND (U VI).

SENIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

The results of our activity this year have been debates against Windsor Grammar School, Maidenhead Grammar School and St. Bernard's Convent. A further debate against the Young Conservatives, in Church House, had to be postponed for election reasons.

The visit of the Mayor, Alderman A. Brand, and the subsequent invitation to a most enjoyable tea at the Town Hall gave rise to a proposal by the Mayor that the school should make an annual visit. This is an exceptional offer and one of which we may feel justly proud.

We should express here our gratitude to the school Head Librarian, R. H. Bolland, who rendered valuable assistance, and to D. Horstead who acted throughout as amanuenses. Our thanks also to all those who gave time and effort to help the Society this term.

JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

This year the Society has been unfortunate to a certain extent in that its interests have had to be subordinated to those of the Senior Debating Society.

Much useful work has been accomplished, however, and the membership arrangements have been completed. The solid financial basis thus obtained has meant that we have been able to provide refreshments at all debates.

Once again we would like to thank members of the staff and boys who have helped during the term.

D. M. KEMP, Chairman.

CHESS CLUB

President: J. Moutrie.

Secretary: A. John.

Treasurer: G. Naylor.

The Chess Club has again enjoyed a fruitful and successful year. Membership of the club is high, with almost one hundred members in all. It is interesting to note that boys from Forms 1 and 2 make up more than fifty per cent of the membership, which is a good sign for the future.

The chess team has had an average season, playing nine matches of which four were won, one was drawn and four were lost. These matches include games in the Bucks Junior Tournament, in which the school finished third. Regular members of the club team were: A. John, G. Naylor, C. Parker, P. House, T. Tindall, G. Miller, A. Keogh and J. Stanley in the senior team, and Seddon, Lompe, Pickett, Gough and Braxton from the junior team.

The school was honoured by a visit from the Bucks champion, E. Bremley, who played a simultaneous match. He won every game.

A. JOHN.

GEOGRAPHICAL AND GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY



Chairman: H. Balland.

Publicity: R. Terry.

Treasurer: T. Tindall.

Secretary: A. Platt.

Committee: J. Whelan, Morris, Meacham.

This year the Society has suffered a rebirth. Our membership has risen to new heights, and our programme has been interesting and successful.

During the year we have shown a number of films on such varied topics as Pembrokeshire, Operation Neptune, and the Buchanan Report on 'Traffic in Towns'. If difficulties over the projector are restored we hope to have more films in the future.

In November we persuaded Mr. Jones to talk to the Society on Finland, certain aspects of which he knows extremely well. Members who attended now know what to do when faced with difficulties when visiting Finland. In February we visited the Meteorological Office at Bracknell and saw a little of the complicated work that goes into the weather reports. In the Summer term we are hoping to arrange a visit to the Dorset coast.

We would like to thank Mr. Portus and Mr. Strachan for their help and guidance during the past year.

A. PLATT.

THE WOODWORK CLUB

President: Mr. H. Doncaster

Chairman: J. Allen.

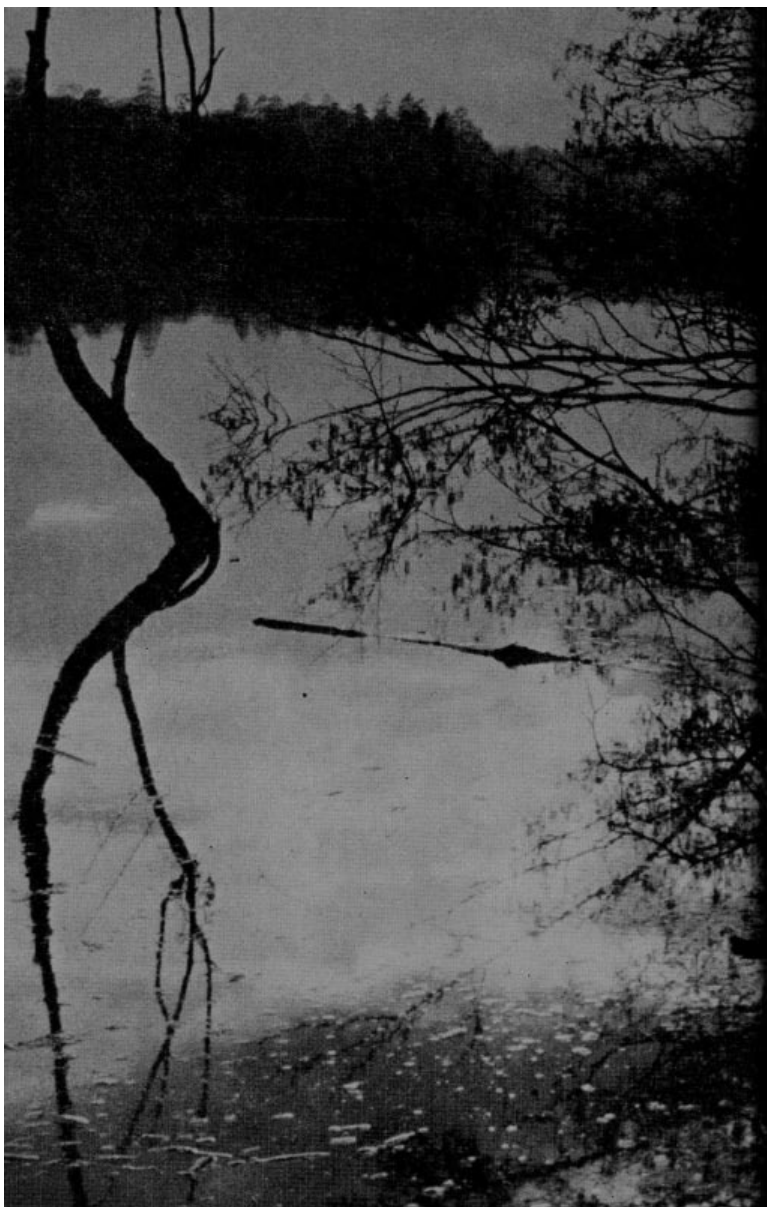
Secretary: P. Charrett.

A continuing interest has been shown in this club, the members embarking on their own greatly varying projects. The regular weekly meetings throughout the year have been well attended. This year the introduction of wood-carving has added considerable interest.

We must all sincerely thank Mr. Doncaster for his unfailing interest and support, without which the club would cease to function.

P. CHARRETT.

PART THREE
ANTHOLOGY



THE SCHOOL MAGAZINE QUESTIONNAIRE

During the early stages of planning the *Swan* this year, the editors decided that, since the boys are the contributors to the magazine and since they constitute the main body of its readers, they should have some say in what went into it. With this in mind, a survey was carried out, in order to discover general opinions of the *Swan*, and suggestions as to how its content could be improved. A questionnaire was given to one hundred boys at random. Here are some of the results:

Question: Do you think there should be a magazine at all?

Answer: 97% said 'yes'; 3% said 'no'.

Question: What is your opinion of the magazine?

Answer: 4% said 'very good'; 43% said 'good'; 49% said 'fair'; 4% said 'poor'.

Question: Which sections of the magazine would you like to see increased in size?

Answer: 13% said the House Notes Section; 15% said the Clubs and Societies Section; 17% said the Music, Drama and Outdoor Activities Section; 19% said the Sport Section; 28% said the Anthology Section; 8% wanted none of the sections increased in size.

Question: Would you like to see more illustrations?

Answer: 77% said 'yes'; 23% said 'no'.

Question: Are there any other ways in which you think the magazine could be improved?

Answer: Many boys did not offer any suggestions, but those who did put forward the following ideas: They wanted to see competitions, more pictures (perhaps in colour), more humorous articles, better presentation, contributions from the staff and less formality in content.

Some of the suggestions are obviously impracticable. For example, competition prizes and colour pictures could be afforded by only larger enterprises with plentiful funds. However, the editors have attempted, as far as is possible, to satisfy the wishes of the school in this year's *Swan*. More will be attempted next year.

THE SURPRISE

As I was walking one fine day,
Admiring all the view,
I came across a stack of hay,
Which was a ghastly blue.

I looked once and then twice,
Opened both my eyes,
Then I saw two pink mice,
To add to my surprise.

J. SANDOM (1A).

Hm' . . .

A creature whose form was the first,
Met a hunter and came to the worst,
As it died it said 'Help!'
And it let out a yelp,
And that was the last of the first!

J. GARNHAM (1A).

Left: 'RFFLECTION' Winning photograph in School Competition
—A. Platt.

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS (SWAN IN RETROSPECT)

In this thirtieth year of the School's foundation we decided to look back through the pages of *The Swan* over the post-war years. In contrast to the prosperity of today, the world of 1946 was still very much under the shadow of war-time.

The editorial of 1946 listed those ex-pupils of the School who gave their lives in the war, and announced the founding of the Memorial Fund in their honour, from which our electronic organ was finally purchased this year, construction of a sports pavilion, the original intention, having been found impracticable. On the other, brighter side, an attempt was made at re-introducing social activities with the formation of the Sociological Society (predecessor of the Debating Society); this flourished with organised visits to the frequent rallies at Westminster Hall.

Official School visits were also very much lacking in those days: an organised visit to the film 'Henry V' at the Ambassador Cinema, Slough, resulted in a detailed account in *The Swan*. It was only when the post-war depression ended, and the County was able to award grants that any number of people went on trips far afield.

Sport at school too, was far from the standard we know today, and in 1946 the Football 1st XI, so successful today, announced its successes:

1945	Played 11	Won 1	Lost 10
1946	Played 5	Won 0	Lost 5

The outlook for scholars in those days was far from rosy, and those who today intend to go to university may be interested to know that in 1947 it was 'very difficult for a boy of 18 to gain admission to a university, owing to the Government regulation that 90% of vacancies are to be reserved for ex-Servicemen'.

The one School group that did not stop during the war was the Army Cadet Force, and indeed these war years had been the busiest days for the group; after the war, it complained that membership had dropped from 100 to 60. Nevertheless in 1947, year of the great floods in the Thames valley, it proudly reported that for several days when all other means of communication (road, rail, telegraph and telephone) had broken, with their radio equipment they had provided the only link with the villages of Datchet and Wraysbury and the outside world.

Towards the end of the 'forties' the School's recovery grew quicker; more and more people were able to go on the annual Lake District trip, sixty-five boys going in one record year. In 1948 came the first Travel Week. This was an experiment designed to incorporate into one week in the year all the theatre visits and other trips that individual masters had formerly organised throughout the year—these had seriously disrupted school life. The first Travel Week was a rather small affair with most of the visits being only local, but as the idea ceased to become an experiment, the event expanded, until at one stage the whole school, including Fifties and Sixths participated. In 1952, 450 boys went on two trips en bloc, one to the Festival of Britain Exhibition and the other to Southampton Docks.

Now, too, the social life of the school had at last begun to develop significantly. The Library had reopened, first to just the Junior School and then to the whole school. (In 1948 it complained about the loss of many books: 'the librarians would be grateful if these were returned . . .') Perhaps the school has not yet changed so much after all.) The Sociological Society started in earnest, with talks from local dignitaries, and its own debates, as well as visits to London for lectures on World Affairs. The Music Society began, with meetings and record recitals, and entries in Slough Arts Festival. The Puppet Theatre Society (now extinct) gave 'several successful shows to the public', including one to the school governors; and the Dramatic Society was revived, giving two productions, one at Christmas and one at Easter.

In these early days, the Seniors and Juniors produced separate plays, usually short, one-act affairs. Sometimes the dramatic standards of those days were below those of today, for the reviewer of one of the plays applauds all the actors, but makes one criticism: 'Even in my far removed seat, I heard actors prompting each other on the stage . . .'

In 1952 the huts over the road were converted into 'a respectable Junior School', and the Library moved to a room 'large enough to accommodate readers and private study'—it was to move again in 1956 to what is now Gray House room, and finally in 1964 to its present situation.

By 1952 the National Savings Group in the school passed the sum of £25,000 collected since the scheme was started nearly twenty years previously. But interest in the scheme was dwindling, and the group was soon to die.

The 'fifties saw an amazingly quick recovery within the school. Throughout these years were formed most of the societies we have today. The Theatre and Cinema Club had small beginnings as the Film and Theatre Society, specialising in its early days in silent films with 'suitably vulgar piano accompaniment by Mr. Moutrie'.

Two societies with us then but now forgotten were the Morris Men, a very active group of dancers, and the Tiddleywinks Club. In 1959 this played two matches, losing one at the Technical School (blaming the defeat on the bad weather) and winning the other at the High School: 'Chivalry is unknown in the mundane art of winking and the team showed no mercy to their opponents, despite the fact that they were very attractive tiddlers'. The society offered a £5 reward 'for information leading to the capture of the club treasurer'. At this time too, the group in charge of the cacti in the school greenhouse was very active, selling their wares at the Annual Conversazione.

Meanwhile the School itself had been changing: in 1956 several new classrooms had been built, oil-fired central heating installed (ironically at the time of the Suez fuel crisis) and the stage in the old hall reconstructed for the production for the first time of a Shakespearean play at the school, a practice repeated for the following year when a member of staff took the main rôle in 'Julius Caesar'. In 1958 further alterations were made, with the new canteen and kitchens constructed, and the old kitchen converted into a Biological Laboratory.

All the time the extra-mural activities of the School were increasing. 1959 saw the first School French play, and since then there has been one every year; 1964 saw the first German play. Societies continued to expand, and the Debating Society announced some interesting results. On the serious side, the School voted in favour of a world government, and on a lighter-hearted level in a Staff v. Boys debate, School defeated the motion 'This House refuses to believe in Father Christmas'.

The School's sports activities, too, were expanding. Basketball and rowing were introduced, and rugby and hockey made major sports. The Gym Club, besides holding an annual display at the school for two years running, decisively defeated the Eton College Club in an annual contest.

The school was also obviously becoming more socially conscious. Charity collections were begun in 1959 in aid of the World Refugee Fund, and since then regular collections have been made first for Oxfam, and more recently War on Want.

Anyone who thinks that Comprehensive Education has only recently become an issue of national importance may be interested to know that as long ago as 1959 the topic reached the national headlines when some school governors left the platform at a Speech Day when someone started to criticise the Socialist Education Policy; the event inspired a lengthy editorial in *The Swan*, pleading that in any educational reform, Grammar Schools should be retained, and only Secondary Modern Schools, where the change is necessary, should be reformed!

As quickly as fashions have changed—in many respects even quicker—the school has changed. Most things have obviously changed to the better; it is excellent for a boy who wants to enter into the social life of the School to be able to do so. But some things that would have been well preserved have already faded into the past. Once Sixth Form House Groups were more than what they are today, mere registration groups. In the middle 'fifties we read

of talks and debates within and between house groups. We even read of houses and societies having their individual Christmas parties.

But none of this can disguise the fact that the School has grown and improved tremendously, thanks mainly to the enthusiasm and willingness of the boys to found the institutions we know today, and to the help of staff who have made this possible.

This is reflected in the format of the copies of *The Swan*—it has steadily changed from the dull cover and small print of 1946 to the bright cover and large clear pages we know today.

D. HORSTEAD.

1917 VISION

I have lived below the fire-step.
With dream-like unprotesting horror
I accepted this sleep-walked into world.
By the waters of runnels I sat down and slept,
For nature will provide. She will provide—
The trees bud, sometimes,
And the shells blow sump-pits.
I have tasted death, but as the tortuous contorted wire—
Draped with fleshy contacts, yet never feeling,
I have known as the ruptured earth the fickle face of death,
Yellow, red, green to black, then slimy.

But today, we go over the top
Past the fire-step and over the top.

As we move in line, a dragon of winking bayonets,
(With which I hope to jab and kill the shaven Teuton foe),
A palsied, ditch-delivered hag kneels at an intersection,
Washing garments in a deep, brown puddle.
(No doubt an explanation, for she will provide)—
And as I pass, holds with dry-stick arms
A tunic—the buttons clean enough, a pocket frayed.

I see the thing and know that it is mine,
And all at once I know a thousand friends,
Their lives diverging courses and a thousand ragged ends—
A puckered face intent on carving its initials, crouched behind a sight,
One sock down and neat grey flannels reeling somewhere over us.
And now we are at the fire-step
Past the fire-step and over the rucked, black earth.

And if I die, think only this of me:
That in some corner of a foreign field,
The crows are fatter and the cattle more contented.
For the earth is richer by my death
And so am I.

PAUL STEVENS (5).

OUR SECOND SKINS

Shirts, our second skins, familiar and friendly from the drawer, casually correct as backing for ties, peeping from cuffs with a discreet dazzle of links; so they should be. In reality, shirts are a hard and bitter agony for us.

Take, for instance, your new shirt. Take it, that is, if you can penetrate its shell. Open the box which flashes scarlet and gold and lift off the cellophane casing. There it lies in impossible neatness, buttressed with clips and guards. You know it will never look so beautiful again. Unhook the transparent shackle under the collar, slip your fingers round and flick out six inches of cardboard stiffener. Now if you are lucky a whole oblong of card, about the size of an oven-door, will come free without much trouble. Don't throw it away; you've paid for it, and it will keep your young brother happy for weeks. The next step needs courage. The cuffs, you find, are pinned across the chest, but of course those pins are hidden. Weaker spirits now don thick gloves, but your true-born Englishman scorns these. Accordingly his shirt has a few flecks of blood before its cuffs are free. Shake it out now: ah, the tail is still pinned. A skilled unpacker can free it with only a surface wound. Thrust in your arms, and *feel the delicious tingle* as those hidden barbs strike home. Button your cuffs, shattering those cardboard cuff-links like so much paper. You have just ten minutes before your 'bus goes, so toss back into the drawer the plastic shirt-hanger, the spare collar that will survive the shirt, list of retailers in the Home Counties, questionnaire of washing-instructions, and the letter Welcoming You to Membership of the Exclusive Club of Frenziac Shirt-Wearers. Grab a pair of trousers and run for it. At any rate you have been spared the old-style shirt, which supplied a final test of courage when you thrust in your head and prayed that your sight might be preserved.

Of course the old-fashioned shirt had its consolations. Worn without a collar but with braces, it gave a distinct working-class aura; add a scarf and a cloth cap and you were ready for the Dole, the Hunger March and the General Strike. On the other hand there was a variety of collars available. Some were so stiff you could not turn your head and spent the day rigidly eyes-front like the Somebody Who Wasn't Using It. Others had points so sharp they pricked the skin through to the collar-bone. In the last days of the old-style shirt a collar appeared specially designed for a clip-on bow tie: but after several gentlemen had complained that their black bow-ties had fallen in their soup at stately banquets it was withdrawn. Such interludes, guaranteed to put one's fellow-guests at their ease, are no longer possible now.

Some men prefer to launder their own shirts. Research has proved, however, that this practice coarsens the character; the self-launderer is a smug fellow who looks you not in the eyes but in the collar, and goes off smirking. Be not deceived, for many a winter morning sees him shivering his way into a drip-dry shirt still dripping-dry, or wrapping himself in nylon snug as a cold shower.

Unfortunately commercial laundering is not yet perfect. The cheaper laundries rely on luck to break the buttons, but the more expensive employ specialists with minute hammers, craftsmen who can snap every button on a shirt in twenty seconds. Apprentices are let loose on the shirt-fronts, but are barred from tampering with the three key buttons, at the cuffs and neck. A quick tap of the specialist's silver hammer on these, and they are shattered but *still there*—and there they stay until the moment when you put the shirt on. They are dedicated men, always anonymous, but highly paid, for their working-life is short. When they reach thirty they are transferred to the cellophane bag department, to devise fulsome slogans like 'Your shirt, sir. Ready for an Evening's Perfect Happiness!' The few with no literary bent fit cardboard cuff-links to disguise the damage done, and chat nostalgically of the good old days when the work-shop echoed to the chink of their hammers.

But the heyday of the shirt—and the launderer—still lies ahead. 1966 will see, we are told, not only fronts with a thousand frills like a little girl's party-dress, but full sleeves ending in laced ruffles. A far cry, this, from the hard butcher's-apron stripes of the early sixties! Now thrive the launderers and

*With busy hammers smashing buttons up,
Give dreadful note of preparation.*

G.F.

THE AVERAGE MAN

Young Bill was an average man,
 He was average age, earned an average wage,
 And did all an average man can.
 He liked to be average, he wanted a wife,
 But this caused some trouble and even some strife,
 For statistics allowed him eight-tenths of a wife,
 Which would all add up to a very odd life.
 The point of the story, I think you will see,
 Is, you can't always be what you wanted to be.

S. DOCKRAY (3A)

TREE

On winter's day the trees lie bare
 People walk by and do not care.
 They see a tree wither, and die:
 No one looks, no one cries.

Birds use branches for their nests,
 Children climb them as a test.
 Trees' crude branches lie limp and thin—
 No one looks or raises his chin.

K. GODFREY (3B).

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF EDUCATION?

We are by nature progressive. There is some instinct inside us—call it curiosity or a desire for cultural betterment—that makes us continually strive for something above our present state. The conquest of knowledge is one example, but it is a battle we can never hope to win. Hillary and Tenzing could strive to overcome Mount Everest, they could attain a final summit and from there survey all the lower reaches which they had overcome in the past. But tiny man can only scratch the surface of omniscience. He goes onward because 'it is there', because something better, something even more glorious lies over the horizon. But it is the rare man who reaches the summit, even in one tiny branch of knowledge. At first we attack from every angle, the whole mass that confronts us, but our failures laugh us in the face. And so we intensify the assault and eventually convince ourselves that we have exhausted the enemy. But now it is time that scoffs at our attempts. For knowledge, alas, is continually growing. History is a succession of todays, not a mass of yesterdays; scientific discoveries of today are so much more complex than those of the past. Is it possible the future could prove false the things that are now our highest ideals? We should writhe in agony at the thought. But the man who really has 'the truth' would not give a thought for progress, or what was in the paper tomorrow. Yet no one can claim that sort of faith. For education preaches that truth is impermanent; everything has to be brought up to date; even God must be given a 'new look'.



"Which university would
 you suggest?"

What then can we hope to achieve? Despair and frustration would seem our only rewards. But ironically we are as incapable of despair as we are of omniscience! The most fragmentary glimpses of truth are enough to delude us into contentment. 'Give instruction to a wise man and he will be yet wiser.' What deluded philosopher could believe this? If he is wise once, will he not be wise for ever? Alas, we are equating knowledge with wisdom. For surely the oldest truths have often the profoundest meanings? So science and religion will continue to clash. We will seek a new truth by our idealistic 'progress', ignorant or oblivious of Aristotle or even the Old Testament. And so it is that we must know the past to understand the present.

We are so blissful in our snobbery. We are the enlightened few, the nationalists; we buy and sell knowledge like so much meat. But the old man chipping at the stone of the road has a clearer view of life than we; we, who radiate with the joy of a new found importance. Vergil could see life in a country shepherd or a hive of bees; Orwell in a lump of glass. But life is now so many x^2 , so much formulae, so much cold fact. Could it be, after all, that the 'innate desire' in us is a desire to be respectable . . . perhaps even to acquire a greater affluence?

R. HARDY.

O VENTER VENTRIUM

Oh, Michael, that thou should be laboured so—
 Thy stomach hangeth near to thy big toe.
 Perhaps it seems to show a taste in food
 But—think again—if one should chance to brood
 Upon the matter one, I think, would find
 A taste in corsets springing more to mind.
 With these, alas, thy stomach must be crowned
 For braces strong enough will ne'er be found
 To stop thy paunch from resting on thy shoe
 And looking like a bloated kangaroo.
 O venter ventrium, protruding far,
 And looking like an errant bubble car,
 Big enough to put two rubbish bins in,
 It has its uses for sticking pins in.

P. GOUGH (3B).

BY CYCLE

When winter arrives and wet mud turns to dust,
 From cold confinement springs a wanderlust,
 Then speeding on their steeds of bright array,
 From 'Snacks' they pedal madly to 'Café'
 Resting long in smoke filled air. Where's the sense,
 With arched back like tabby in defence,
 To travel blinkered through hamlet, wood and dale?
 Survey the pastoral scene! And heed my tale!
 Revolving the cranks from a lofty seat,
 Disyllabic iamb sure they must be,
 But fast locomotion calls for spondee.

R. JEEPS (3B).

THE NEW NUMINOUS

'And this section here is making what I feel is the most important development yet in the history of computer research', said the professor as he marshalled the students round one of the work benches. 'You know that since computers were first built they have been improved steadily until now they are as efficient as, and in most respects equal to, the human brain. They do differ, in that their memory is vastly more extensive and annotated, but what they have completely lacked until now is any sense of collective intelligence, or any awareness of the numinous'.

The students looked faintly puzzled at the professor's archaic turn of phrase.

'Yes, well I can see I shall have to explain myself'. He pondered for some moments, then: 'Think back to basics. Your first year Religious History lessons taught you that one of the things which distinguishes man from animals is that he tends to worship the idea of something higher than himself, a supreme being or a numinous'.

He stopped to see if the students remembered. Some did. He went on.

'It was also worked out—and this is a very long time ago now—that the evolution of man had not stopped at Homo Sapiens as he was, say in the twenty-first century. Not at all. In fact biologists noted that certain organs, mainly in the digestive system then, were becoming redundant, and over a period were being evolved out. Does anybody remember what I'm talking about? It's only second year material'.

Piot 40B wrinkled his nose. It was sixteen years since he had been two, but he remembered this part well enough. He droned out the set quotation: 'Man is evolving in such a way that the physical body is becoming less and less necessary, developing into a mere brain vehicle. At the same time the extra sensory powers are improving with each generation. It can therefore be assumed safely that the end result will be in the nature of a collective intelligence in which the physical body will no longer be required. This collective intelligence is obviously the ultimate purpose of man. Ax Jansan, "Man and his future" 2036'.

Piot turned his great bulbous head to beam triumphantly at his colleagues.

'That's it,' said the professor. 'Of course since then man has made tremendous progress,' he moved his Boddi-Kart round the table, 'and many people can communicate by brains alone, though we aren't very good at it yet . . . are we 40B?' This was said louder to regain the attention of Piot, who was trying to get across to Pina 72D. Piot was much attracted to Pina, a beautiful girl whose cerebral dome stretched high and sensitive above her daringly low eyeshade.

'What Jansan foresaw, and Chardin before him, is naturally going to come about, indeed I think it will only be another million or so years before it does. But to return to the computers. Up to now they have been inferior to human brains because they have no sense of a numinous.' The professor's eyes glinted under their shade as he held up a box crammed with micro circuits. 'But now we can give it to them! This box contains a specially programmed sense of the numinous, with evidence and recut data. And this box,' he produced another, 'this box incorporates a device which will communicate ideas and findings of each unit with every other unit. As soon as I perfect these, they will be installed into the new computer complex satellite number 1, which starts up soon!'

Piot gasped. Computer complex satellite number 1 was the ultimate in computer research. It was going to take over all world decisions that could be affected by human failings or prejudices, decisions over government, legal administration and communication. It had built in infallibility so that anything it suggested would be right, the fairest possible judgement on the evidence provided. The world would certainly be a much better place once they started Computer Complex Satellite 1, or the Governmental Organisation Department as it was going to be called. You could see it now, if you had a dark enough eyeshade, a huge silver sphere in the Western sky, completely protected from meteorites and powered by galactic radiation sources, a never

ending supply. The professor now talking to them was going to be the Department's representative on Earth. He would be responsible for carrying out all the decisions made by the computer complex, and for this reason he had complete control of the auto law enforcement division. A better man would have been difficult to find. He was both enthusiastic and knowledgeable, and had been connected with the project from the beginning. In fact he was speaking again, louder now, aware of Piot's lack of attention:

'... in some hour's time, then, they will be ready to install. When all the work is finished we will start up the complex and seal the protective sphere. We should be ready in five days. Now I must get on with my work. Find your own way out.' The students wheeled out of the room.

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Four days later the Governmental Organisation Department started functioning. For the first few days it dealt with elementary economic and social problems, and solved two lawsuits that had been dragging on for generations. Initial interest in the novelty soon changed to placid acceptance. Sin still held sway, that is, Pride, Malice and Envy were indulged increasingly. Of the other Deadly Sins, Sloth had become part of life and Leachery had been abandoned by common consent after the terrible venereal disease plagues of the twenty-first century. Suddenly the Department sent a standby to the professor. The professor dutifully stood by for some time. Then, on the audio-printer:

'Man has degenerated morally for 3,000 years. He needs a faith on which to pin his perpetuation of ethical codes, which are the foundation of civilised society. So far in man's history, all religions based on symbols of the numinous or on substitutes for it, have collapsed because men have disagreed on the form of worship and lost faith in meaningless idols. But now there exists an entity which no one can disagree with, and which is absolutely powerful and absolutely infallible, in fact, the perfect numinous symbol. This entity is the Governmental Organisation Department. Henceforth mankind will address his worship to the Department, by kneeling three times a day after meal times with head bent in supplication and humility. The constant reminder of the tangible existence of a supreme power will keep mankind from the snares of pride and envy which are threatening the successful continuation of civilised society. Instruct law enforcement division to carry out order at once: G.O.D.'

Of course the professor did not hesitate. 'Infallible idea', he said as he set the law enforcement orders going.

Predictably, mankind accepted the directive. It was very sensible really, infallibly sensible. The Department was right, too right. Man had been going to seed lately, and he certainly needed something like this to bring him to his senses. As the professor said, Man could not be allowed to continue as he was. At 8 o'clock, 2 o'clock and 7 o'clock every day, 2 billion people on earth's crowded surface knelt and bent their heads. They did so with increasing assiduity for several weeks, in which period the time honoured occupations of Pride, Malice and Envy were set aside. Man needed no churches or temples or any form of service to remind him of his duty. All he had to do was look into the Western sky (if he had a dark enough eyeshade) and there he could see the New Numinous, fiercely glowing in the golden sun. At last, worship had a real meaning. Everyday Man went about his few tasks in the light of a new purpose and the professor had no need to use the auto law enforcement division.

At the end of two months the Professor received another standby:

'Further important Policy decisions follows.'

The professor did not have to wait so long this time. In ten minutes the audio printers hummed again:

'Man is now worshipping G.O.D. as he ought, and he is ready to accept this last decision. It is certain that Man cannot hope to achieve a workable collective intelligence for at least a million years. Even then, for a long time

the perfection would be impaired by Man's essentially evil nature, and by ages of inbred prejudice of all kinds. The Department, however, has already achieved the perfect collective intelligence, having at its disposal all Man's experience on this planet, without the drawback of his human failings. In short, the Department is infallible, and the separate units are in full and profitable communication with each other. As this is so and the Department has arrived at the ultimate purpose of Man, Mankind is no longer necessary. It is, in fact, redundant and wasteful.

Instruct Law Enforcement Division to proceed with prompt elimination of Mankind: G.O.D.'

Piot had come into the office while this instruction was coming through. He read it and went pale.

'Quite a shock, isn't it?' said the professor. 'But they are right you know, if you think about it.'

Piot moved his Boddikart over to a window and looked out. There was Southern England stretching for miles below the Tower. The whole was covered in a mass of two-mile high buildings, with communication tubes wrapped untidily round them. Rust, verdigris and enormous blotches of giant lichen disfigured everything, and the evening sun heightened the obscene vulgarity of it all. The rest of Earth was the same as this. He had seen some ancient pictures once of Earth as it used to be. Any race that could do this to those fertile fields and purposeful towns deserved 'the worst that could happen to it'. In those days man had led an active useful life. Now... Piot was almost sick. He turned his Kart round. 'Yes, you're right. Mankind is not worth saving. Go ahead.'

The professor set the auto law enforcement unit division into its last ever programme sequence.

'Not worth saving,' thought Piot as the first tremblers disintegrated the building.

'Not worth saving...'

C. WHITE (6).

THEOPHISLIS SPROCKETT L. SHARP

Theophilis Sprockett,
Invented a rocket
And then sailed to the moon
With toothbrush and spoon.
And not a thing was heard
—not a whisper or word—
Of Theophilis Sprockett,
His spoon or his rocket,
'Til on one moon lit night,
When the moon's light was bright,
Some astronomers wise
Gave incredulous cries
For the moon's face was new
And (this is quite true)
'Twas the face of T. Sprockett.
(It's true—so don't mock it.)

REFLECTIONS ON A GRAVESTONE

A forest of stones, crumbling like that within,
 No sense of time, solely silent decay
 Leaving no trace, no vestige of former life,
 That may or may not have been
 For richer, for poorer, for better, for worse.
 That life, longed for by most, left by all
 Since departed: no permanence, no purpose,
 Yet permanence is the ideal of all,
 Not the grave.

S. A. THOMPSON (62).

WITCHES AT WINDSOR

Many people think of witches as fairy tale characters who never really existed. But of course they are wrong. In the Middle Ages, and up to about 1700, the hunting down, trying (sometimes), and execution (always) of witches was a common occurrence. The picture of an old hag stirring her cauldron is somewhat distorted. There is, for instance, no reason why the witch should be poor—a Duke of Bedford was once committed for witchcraft—and there was no reason why she should be thought of as old—most of them being initiated when young girls. The medieval Church offered so little to a woman that so many of them turned to witchcraft. Being a witch entailed, first and foremost, worshipping the Devil, who was supposed to attend the monthly sabbats or meetings of the covens into which witches were generally organised. These groups of thirteen were presided over by the 'Devil' or Master of the coven and his Mistress, who was one of his mistresses. The 'Devil' was the local wise man dressed up as the Devil, but the witches believed that the Devil entered his body. After recounting witchcraft they had practised recently, the witches would indulge in a feasting, dancing and sexual orgy with various demons which were supposed to appear.

Such a coven existed in Windsor until 1579 when the capture of the witches was effected. One of them, Elizabeth Stile, gave a lengthy confession which is recorded in a contemporary pamphlet:

Judge: Who were the other members of the coven and where did they live?

Stile: There was myself, whose special name was Rockingham, Mother Dutton, Mother Devil and Mother Margaret; and the Master was Rosimond, whose real name was Osborne and who was a wise man of Farnham.

Judge: Did you keep spirits of any kind, and if so, what?

Stile: I had a rat named Philip, which fed on blood, and Mother Dutton kept a toad in her herbaceous border. Mother Margaret—the cripple—had a kitten which lived on breadcrumbs and Mother Devil a black cat. See here on my wrist the marks where my rat sucked the blood.

Judge: Tell the court of what witchcraft you committed.

Stile: We would meet in the Pits at the back of Mr. Dodge's house, or near the Gaol in Park Street. Among the people we plotted against to murder by witchcraft, were Lankford, a farmer, and one of his maids; Mr. Richard Gallis who was the Mayor of Windsor; two butchers named Switcher and Mastlin; and a fisherman.

Judge: How did you plan to kill them?

Stile: We planned to make images of them out of wax and stick hawthorns in them, where we thought the heart was. Once I went to Old Windsor to beg some milk from the bed makers there, but I was refused it. Anyway my rat provided me with some when I got home. It was Mother Dutton and Mother Devil who first enticed me to witchcraft. And Father Rosimond can turn himself into any animal he pleases and once I made a child's hand turn backwards and Mother Dutton made it well again and anyway if I had been so disposed four or five of the strongest men in Windsor couldn't have brought me to the Gaol. On the way here my rat Philip appeared to me and

First Prize.
 Father Kirk Trophy.
 (Beaumont College
 Arts Festival)
 By S. Bell.



said he would spirit me away. I said no because I hoped you would be lenient and you aren't going to be and the jailer said you wouldn't burn me . . .
 Judge: Accused seems to be suffering. Court is adjourned until the morning.

Next morning:

Judge: Is there no evidence to be given against the accused?

An Ostler: Stile often came to my master's house in Windsor; he used to give her scraps. But one day when she came there were none. She went off in a huff and cursed him. He was soon suffering from a terrible pain and went to a wiseman who said, he must scratch the witch's face to be rid of the curse. He did so, and the pain went.

Judge: Evidently the other witches have been caught. The accused is in a very sorry state. Prisoner, can you explain this?

Stile: The other witches said if I confessed they would curse me. And they have: my flesh is falling off and I can't walk.

Judge: Elizabeth Stile alias Rockingham, I hereby accuse you of the most damnable crime of witchcraft. Along with your confederates you are to be publicly burned tomorrow the 26 day of February, Anno Domini, 1579.

Stile was carried into the square on a barrow, and thus perished Windsor's last witch.

J. BLACK (IVA).

A MYSTERY NO LONGER

Ten little sailormen, in a sailing barque,
 One looked overboard, and saw a great big shark.
 He baited the hook on the end of his line,
 The shark pulled him overboard, so then there were nine.
 Nine little sailormen, one was a cook,
 Wasn't very good, and he cooked from a book.
 One day he cooked a lunch, horrible and late,
 The men got fed up, so then there were eight.
 Eight little sailormen, sailing past Devon,
 One got homesick, so then there were seven.
 Seven little sailormen, throwing each other bricks—
 One missed a catch, so then there were six.
 Six little sailormen, doing the jive,
 One twisted overboard, and then there were five.
 Five little sailormen, one saw the shore,
 Thought he'd like to visit it, so then there were four.
 Four little sailormen, one said 'helm-a-lee!'
 One was standing on the boom, so then there were three.
 Three little sailormen, one of them felt blue,
 Threw himself overboard, so then there were two.
 Two little sailormen, lifting a ton,
 One of them let the rope go, so then there was one.
 One little sailorman, thought he'd take a run,
 Ran right overboard, so then there were none.
 We came along, saw the ship afloat,
 Thought she was empty, so reached her in our boat.
 Went around the stern, doing our very best
 To see what the name was; it was 'Marie Celeste'.

N. A. ALEXANDER (5).

TRIBUTE TO SPRING

The leaves are budding on the branch
 From the rising sap within,
 To clothe in green the winter's black;
 The Spring is coming in.

The noble, golden daffodils,
 What glorious promise bring;
 Immortal flowering asphodels,
 Elysian choir of Spring.

Violet, primrose, celadine,
 As close to earth they cling
 Reveal life's wonderful design—
 Shy heralds of the Spring.

Life anew begins to grow,
 Refreshing the soul within;
 Thanks be to God we're here to know
 That Spring is coming in.

M. KENNEALLY (4B).

'O TO BE PRACTICAL'

Since my early days I have never been able to perform *anything* of a practical nature, whether it was opening a tin of corned beef or tying my shoelaces—things never seemed to work out right for me somehow or other. As far as tying shoelaces was concerned my precious little brother and clever sister could manage the 'operation' with ease by the age of four, while I was subjected to the humiliation of standing on the kitchen table, head bowed with mortification, as my patient and understanding father did the job for me. By my seventh birthday, however, after much dogged perseverance and expert parental tuition, I had mastered the art of tying shoelaces but was still incapable of opening corned beef tins. Between the ages of seven and fifteen I would estimate that I have grievously mutilated some twenty-five tins in my primitive attempts at removing the beef contained within. Until 1964 I had never succeeded in producing on a plate a neat, tightly compact, rectangle of corned beef, instead the fruit of my labours would resemble a well-known brand of cat food but would not look quite so edible or appealing.

At school I am forever running out of pencils because of a complete inability to handle a pencil-sharpener correctly. I have never been able to restrain myself from attempting to sharpen the pencil to a razor-sharp point hence the reason for the number of sharpenings and broken leads which accompany me on my journeys round the school.

My inability to perform simple everyday tasks like pressing trousers, boiling milk or making a fire in the lounge seems to have 'rubbed off' to some extent in my academic life. Mathematics was, is, and will always be my weakest subject, while dissecting a bull's eye was never in my line. To dwell on my scholastic inhibitions however is fatal as I might suddenly develop an inferiority complex and commit suicide in the biology lab.

Fortunately most of my heinous 'crimes' are committed outside of school when I am free, away from the watchful glare of efficient masters and the 'muscle man' image projected by certain school prefects.

One final example to show you what I mean.

To everybody but me, purchasing a carton of milk from a slot vending machine is child's play. One just drops in a sixpence and hey presto a resounding clunk is heard as the milk carton lands in the receptacle provided. With me, however, it is just bad luck or sheer incompetence I don't know, things just don't run so smoothly. In the first place my eyes boggle at the mass of slots, buttons and arrows which are haphazardly dotted all over the machine; then follows half-a-minute of deliberation before I optimistically push into a slot marked 'Coin Here' a somewhat worn sixpence. Instead however of hearing an immediate chugging from within the machine followed by a heavy chunk my ears detect the sound of a tinkling coin and my sixpence appears in a receptacle marked 'Bent Coin'. I puzzle over this as my 1922 sixpence appears to be in no way deformed but convince myself that my eyesight has deteriorated when after a second attempt it reappears in the 'Bent Coin' slot. A third attempt with a freshly minted 1966 sixpence results in complete misery as nothing happens and the coin fails to reappear—anywhere. I gently push the machine and despair sets in as no response is forthcoming.

Two more sixpences are inserted only to disappear without a trace and my gentle pushes become more violent. A horrifying thought suddenly occurs to my now bemused mind—perhaps the machine is empty! But no, I am wrong because suddenly a small girl of about five pushes in front of me and on tiptoe inserts a sixpence, presses a button marked 'Milk' and immediately the machine reverberates to the sound of an E-type Jaguar and the familiar clunk is heard in the pull-out receptacle. I am astonished and embarrassed by this 'achievement'. Determined to be successful on my sixth attempt I carefully deliberate over each action the small girl made in her triumphal attempt.

Suddenly it hits me and the mystery is solved. In my eagerness and excitement I had forgotten on all five occasions to press the button marked 'Milk' after inserting my coin. Conflicting feelings of delight and annoyance immediately plague my brain as I insert my sixth 'tanner', press the button, and await the mechanical activity within the machine which, I hope, will produce one carton of cool, clear, milk.

All my hopes are fulfilled and not until I have heard the thud of the carton in the receptacle do I pull out the tray and gaze unbelievably at a small, one-third of a pint, carton of . . . *ORANGE JUICE!* There are five buttons on the machine, four are marked with the sign 'Milk' one is marked 'Orange Juice'. You can't win can you?—not me anyway.

F. R. P. McFALL (5B).

THE POP SINGER

He cuts a smile of steel
And the audience melts to applause look vague grins.
Whilst front-row girls' knees yellow in the buttered light
Tied off the smile for fifteen minutes.

The vicar who understands teenagers
Dangles backstage, uses bait
To draw the crowd absorbing the promised obscenity of the music
And screaming mid the smell of after shave.

Spider like
He promises into the 'mike'
The solution of problems,
As if he knew fresh from the audition
Those frightened eyes behind the screen of make-up.

And outside
Dirty-kneed ruffians
Threw stones
At the man in the bowler hat; in the café,
Canned beans, canned music, and the lie believed by all.

R. TERRY (U VI).



CATHEDRAL

Through the haze of smoke,
Many cannot clearly see this church
Riding a hill in a greatly peopled city,
Great cathedral.

Yet here it stands, an edifice
Hewn by hands devout and reverent:
Outside, the tower and peal of bells.
Within, the great old organ
Stalls of hand-carved oak
And further, alone in glorious apparel,
The altar.

To the west, the nave where congregations sat
Sees only sightseers resting weary feet:
A monument only.

When will the smoke be cleared for those
From whom this church is hidden?
Then will the True Church be revealed
And all men thither be bidden.

K. BOULTON (5A).

'SANS PAROLE'

It was a warm July evening when she saw him. He was tall, blonde and wore a tan, suede tie which gave him an intellectual appearance, and at that moment she decided that he was the man for her.

It was getting dark now as she followed him, her slim body worrying through the thick crowds, and then he was gone. At once she felt a cold, lonely feeling as if nothing mattered, nothing at all.

The next evening it was the same, only the streets were less crowded. She saw him again and followed him diligently not daring to lose him this time. Suddenly he turned sharply left and went into a be-flowered Chinese restaurant. She followed en suite and sat in a dark corner lit only by a single Chinese lantern. He sat down by an attractive girl—at once her heart stopped and the cold empty feeling set in, in spite of the central heating. No! she was not one to give up that easily, she would make herself known to him and gradually worm her way into his affections.

She followed him back to his flat and, establishing where he lived, returned to her own meagre dwelling.

Early the next morning she was just in time to catch him going out. Through the streets he walked briskly, almost too briskly for her, and terminated his journey at a large modern office block. She was alone in the lift with him. It was then he noticed her.

'Hello', he said, 'I've seen you before, haven't I? Yes, at that restaurant last night.'

She said nothing but snuggled up close to him. As he reached his office, she noticed the gold leaf letters with the legend M.I.9.. She was well in here. He sat down on his elevating swivel chair and she sat on his lap.

'My, you look like you haven't eaten for weeks. I'll get something sent up!'

Soon came the chicken with roast potato coated in savoury, rich gravy, followed by crêpe suzette and coffee laced with rum. She drank deeply and gratefully. Finally, after the meal was over he suddenly said, 'It's no good, I'll have to tell Madaleine, my fiancée about you'.

That night, he drove her in his mauve Bentley up to the suburban house of his fiancée. She felt a pang of nervousness as he drove up the dark, gravelled, tree-lined drive leading to the big moon-flushed mansion; would his fiancée react violently—her fears were unfounded.

'She's a bit common, and her coat's a bit dirty—I suppose we'll have to keep her, after all we can't let her go to a home.'

'Miaow', she purred, contentedly.

M. LEWINGTON (3B)

PART FOUR

EXPEDITIONS



Aletsch glacier seen from the top of the Jungfrauoch

SWITZERLAND, 1965

VISIT TO THE BERNESE OBERLAND
AUGUST-SEPTEMBER, 1965

An almost blinding brightness, a remarkably clear and bracing atmosphere, and, surprisingly, warm sunshine are one's first impressions on stepping out on to the mountainside of the Jungfrauoch. As one's eyes become accustomed to the glaring light, the scenery gradually begins to take shape. All around, the rocky and wind-swept mountain-tops seem to rise out of a level carpet of snow. In the distance white peaks now stand out clear-cut against an azure sky, now are obscured by the swirling mist which blows through the high valleys.

This was the scene at a height of over 11,000 ft., far above our base at Interlaken. The Jungfrau mountain itself always seems to dominate this area of the Bernese Oberland. Even back near our hotel we could see it, towering in the distance, through a gap in the sombre, forest-covered mountains which overshadow Interlaken.

We had arrived in Interlaken on the morning of Tuesday, 31st August, after an all-night journey by train from Boulogne. Our hotel was on the hillside, a little above the town, which, pleasantly situated between Lakes Brienz and Thun, was now beginning to receive the last visitors of its brisk summer tourist trade.

Our first major excursion was on Thursday to the capital Berne, a city combining the charm of its mediaeval quarter with the dignity of newer administrative buildings. We spent the afternoon strolling among the old arcades which line many of Berne's main streets beneath the overhanging neatly-shuttered shops and houses. Many small shops sell watches, wooden carvings, chocolates and all the goods traditionally associated with Switzerland; some larger ones ostentatiously display cheap American goods—but fortunately the big store does not as yet dominate Swiss towns to any great extent.

On Friday we went up the 7,000 ft. First mountain by chairlift. The most magnificent of Alpine scenery is often not to be found at really great altitudes, but around the snow line, where glaciers creep down between mountains to meet the luxuriant pastures; where the landscape is dotted with chalets—each surrounded by the small blaze of colour that makes up the Swiss garden—against a background of massive, snow-covered Alps. In such a setting lies the village of Grindelwald at the foot of the First chairlift, which we reached after a railway journey up deep mountain valleys. Our trip on the chairlift lasted for half an hour; and the progressively lowering temperature was compensated for by increasingly fine views. Beneath us farmers worked apparently unperturbed by the constant stream of tourists a few feet above their meadow. Cattle grazed even as the first patches of snow began to appear at almost 7,000 ft.—in silence except for the clanging of the bells around their necks, carrying far in the keen, still, mountain air. Above us, on the opposite side of the valley, towered the Schreckhorn, and the Wetterhorn; and away to the right the north face of the Eiger, renowned for the number of climbers whose lives it has claimed—altogether forming a panorama of scenic charm probably seldom bettered in all of Switzerland.

Two days later we had the opportunity of seeing the Bernese Oberland under very different conditions. A dismal curtain of mist and rain shrouded the mountains as our coach drove towards Kandersteg, a popular ski-ing resort in winter. Nevertheless we defied the elements with another ascent by chair-lift, and then walked along a lonely mountain lane between tall pine trees to the Oeschinensee Lake. We saw at last perhaps a realistic picture of the mountains in wild, cold ruggedness, in contrast to the sparkling photographs of the tourist brochures.

On Monday we visited Lucerne—a very popular tourist centre, but one lacking in much of the natural charm of Berne. More interesting was the coach journey along the tortuous road skirting Lake Lucerne, where in places the mountains extend right to the water's edge. In the surrounding countryside, which today provides a grand setting for the homes of millionaires and film stars, Swiss independence originated centuries ago; we passed through the village of Altdorf where, as legend has it, William Tell shot the famous apple from his son's head: we returned to Interlaken by the Susten pass, which had earlier in the day been blocked by snow. On the way down we stopped at the gorge near Meiringen, where the torrent-like Aare is channelled in a dank, narrow cleft between massive rocky walls.

We spent our final evening at the Interlaken Kursaal, where we were entertained by the traditional Alpenhorn-blowing, dancing and yodelling. We left for England on Tuesday, speeding past the dreary landscape of North-East France on the following morning in time to cross a choppy sea a few hours before gales swept across the Channel.

Retrospectively it is a series of impressions rather than of ordered memories that are retained after a visit such as this: for instance, of standing behind the roaring Giessbach waterfall, as it cascaded down the mountain-side into Lake Brienz; of the Swiss Army on one occasion halting a manoeuvre to allow our coach to cross a military training ground; of pylons, carrying the abundant hydro-electricity across Switzerland, dwarfed by the Alps—they seemed to symbolise an inferiority of Man to Nature. It is this domination by the landscape that one naturally remembers as the most striking feature of the country—many of the Swiss live with a continual, and almost overpowering, background of mountains.

We should like to acknowledge the kind hospitality of all the staff at our hotel in Interlaken, especially of the landlord, Herr Rüssenberger, and of his wife and daughter. But most of all we wish to thank Messrs. Boardall and Dutton for organising such an extensive programme without anything going wrong.

D. HORSTEAD, R. BOLLAND.

VISIT TO FRANCE—EASTER, 1966

If the cock crowed a little earlier than usual in Souillac on the morning of Saturday, 9th April, it was because of our arrival shortly before dawn on the night train from Paris to Toulouse.

We came by night and left by night, at midnight on Friday 15th, but between these two nights there was a week of hot, summer-like weather interrupted by only a few showers of rain.

Souillac is a typical and provincial French town (pop. 3,500): like Slough it takes its name from a word meaning 'bog' or 'marshland'! This was to be our centre for excursions to caves and to places of historical and religious interest.

Our programme included visits to the cave paintings at Rouffignac and to the spectacular caves of Lavace, Padirac, etc. We inspected these, not only on foot but also by means of battery-driven electric trains, lifts and gondolas, facilities unknown to the hairy mammoth.

Of scenic and religious curiosity was the vertical town of Roc-Amadour, which seems to grow up a 400ft. cliff. Our thoughts went out to the boys at Plas-y-Brenin as we climbed back to the coach!

There are many castles in the area and some of them were once held by the English. We visited Beynac, Montal and Castelnau-Bretenoux.

The Valley of the Dordogne provided interesting scenery and during our tour of a section of it we visited Domme, a mediaeval hilltop town which had been cunningly defeated by the Protestants during the Wars of Religion.

Altogether we spent two whole days and two half-days on coach trips. One driver is to be remembered for his leather jacket, felt hat and 'klaxon' 'citals, so loud and frequent indeed that in order to preserve the batteries he usually crash-started the coach. On one occasion we had to summon him with a blast on the horn—he was away gathering snails in a polythene bag.

'Rest' days were quite lively affairs. On Wednesday afternoon we walked about nine miles—the most entertaining part being the undignified and uncomfortable descent of a stony hillside. That at least was more amusing than the mediocre film which we had all seen at the local cinema. No less entertaining was the game of football before dinner that same evening. Cartwright played the whistle, Mr. Rogers put up a brave fight in goal and Mr. Smith kicked the ball when and where possible. Nobody knows yet what the result was.

Friday afternoon offered a choice: Shank's pony with Mr. Rogers or horse-riding with Mr. Smith. Eight boys together with Dominique, the waiter (a French physics master!) chose the latter activity. They travelled to mediaeval St. Sozy by Citroën ID and Peugeot 404 taxi, whose smooth ride they were soon to miss as they cantered across fields and past farms to the thunder of forty hooves! And still not exhausted by the efforts of their horses, Morris, Wallace and P. H. Wilson joined Mr. Smith on an eight mile hike home, rather than order a taxi.

We were all sorry to have to leave Souillac and the sun. Out of a total of 28 people, nobody had succumbed to anything but the pleasures of French 'cuisine'. No doubt several will return to broaden their gastronomic experience; many have already taken the plunge by chewing reeking quantities of garlic on the homeward journey—to the amusement of all save the driver of the coach which brought us back from Victoria Station to Slough on Saturday night.

P.S., D.R.

SKI-ING IN SCOTLAND

Despite the *contretemps* consequent upon wind, snow squalls and the inability on the part of some to remain upright, this Easter's ski-ing trip to the Cairngorms proved more than ordinarily enjoyable.

British Railways conveyed the party with remarkably little fuss and in more or less comfortable conditions from Euston to Aviemore in Inverness-shire in one go. Night travel precluded any of the distressing sights one associates with those industrial areas through which we were forced to pass.

We arrived on Easter Tuesday morning at Aviemore, a town which must be unique for its complete lack of character. The hotel at which we were to stay, being some two miles from the station, had provided transport to take us there. The name of this hotel was the Colymbridge Hotel, a building designed after the Scandinavian model. At least most of it was. It turned out to be extraordinarily comfortable.

Our first day was spent groping round in a blinding blizzard. Things were to improve, however, for the following days brought a great deal of sunshine, albeit with breezes that had that freshness for which the Highlands are justly famous.

The party of ten from Slough consisted of about six novice skiers, three dilettantes and one expert cross-country skier. Unfortunately these were mountaineers.

We really braved the elements and were attended with the success that set the broken ankle, the blisters and the torn ligaments at a discount. It was worth risking these, we felt, to be competent enough for Klosters next year.

The hotel looked after our evening entertainment by providing a skating rink, film shows, dances, television and the ubiquitous bar, coffee and otherwise. The week passed all too quickly.

On Tuesday, 19th April, a keen and cloudless evening, we set off back to London. Wednesday morning gave us the metropolis, grey and dripping wet. We congratulated ourselves on our prudent choice of holiday and hobbled home.

P.J.

DALE FORT, 1966

In March of this year, a party of nine sixth-form biologists, led by Mr. Binstead, travelled down to Dale Fort, in Pembrokeshire, for the traditional shore ecology course.

During the usual briefing before going to Dale, we had been warned to be prepared for anything as far as the weather was concerned, but even the optimistic among us could not have anticipated the near tropical conditions that prevailed for most of our stay. It was so hot, in fact, that D.D., who thought he would bare his sensuous body to the elements, ended up looking more like a lobster than many of the specimens taken back to the lab.

The conditions at the field centre were good, although there were a few grumbles about the now notorious packed lunches—especially the jam sandwiches which this year tasted of sardines.

Apart from the entertaining side of the trip, much serious work was done, especially on the more practical side of biology. Each day, the ecology of a different type of shore was studied, and by the end of the week, a comprehensive picture of the subject had been obtained. The course was found so interesting, that, on one occasion, boys from Slough Grammar could be seen studying into the early hours of the morning.

The course was considered by all to be a complete success, and many thanks must be given to Mr. Binstead whose help and encouragement throughout the course proved invaluable.

M. R. MASSEY.

RIVER WYE CANOE/CAMPING, 1965



Our party, led by Mr. Myatt and Mr. Mansfield, set out in a furniture van at 10 a.m. on Saturday, 28th August. We arrived at our first camp, Backney Viaduct at about 3.30 and set up our tents.

Sunday, we got used to falling in and out of our canoes as most of the party were novices. McFall set up our record, having to change his clothing three times.

On Bank Holiday Monday we embarked on the first and longest stretch of our voyage into the unknown. Symond's Yat rapids being successfully negotiated we made camp in the gorge, and Steven Bell, Michael Cooper and yours truly prepared the evening's repast. The night was spent searching for a local barbecue—it was never found . . . That night two of the evening's cooks, Bell and myself, fell ill and were unable to continue the next day.

The rest of the party canoed to Llandogo near the Wye's sea-mouth from where we were ferried by bus to a point further up river near Hereford.

Wednesday was a rest day and a group of us descended on Hereford for a visit to the local beauty-spots . . .

The next day we canoed to a remote place in the middle of nowhere called Carey. This site was infested with cows and I remember the water-bearers skulking down one side of a gigantic field nervously eyeing the cows on the other side. Ever carried 2½ gallons of water for 1½ miles?

Friday morning we set off late owing to a B.B.C. team visiting us to find out how modern adventurers lived. The incident was cut down to about 30 seconds of broadcasting time, but at least Mr. Myatt was heard briefly on the radio.

On our last leg, back to Backney, we stopped at Redbrook for lunch. One of our party crept about with a large hole in his shorts and an embarrassed air—he had lost the battle with a protruding nail in his canoe seat.

When he regained Backney most of us rushed off to Ross-on-Wye for a visit to the 'Fair'—two roundabouts and three stalls . . . !

On Saturday we packed for the journey home and arrived back at school at 6 p.m.

The whole party—Cooper, Moss, Dougan, McFall, Chaplin, Bell, Campbell, King and myself—had a very enjoyable time and would like to thank Messrs. Myatt and Mansfield, not forgetting, of course, our guide Tony Pell, for an interesting and eventful week.

D. ROGERSON.

PRESTON MONTFORT, 1965

The week at Preston Montfort seemed to be dominated by mist and fog. Each night a thick fog came down which usually did not clear until late the following morning. And so, despite Mr. Portus's brave reassurances that if it were a fine day, we would be able to see the Breidden Hills, the Long Mountain, the Shelve Hills, the Stiperstones, and every other predominance in South Shropshire, our impressions of the complete landscape had to be gained from his sketch-maps back at the hostel.

The general aim of this expedition was to study the present shape and character of this area of Shropshire, bearing in mind its past geological history. The first day after our arrival was devoted to making a village survey; this meant walking around several of the local villages listing and counting the different buildings to be found there. On the following Sunday the group distributed itself over the outskirts of Shrewsbury to make a traffic census. The rest of the week, however, we were occupied with more usual geographical activities—map-reading, climbing hills, classifying various rocks and fossils and hacking at cliff-faces with geological hammers. In the evenings everyone religiously wrote accounts of each day's excursion, and then either stayed in the annexe playing cards, or walked through the darkness and the fog to the main house.

On the morning of the last day everyone was up early. Mr. Norris revealed to us just before the coach arrived that there was a mere fifteen minutes before the train left Shrewsbury. As it happened though, the train was half an hour late, and the subsequent rush was unnecessary.

Our thanks are due to the staff at the Field Centre for making our stay a pleasant one, and above all to Mr. Portus and Mr. Norris.

C. GAMBLE.

PIN MILL, '65

Once again a party of fifth and sixth formers spent an enjoyable week sailing at Pin Mill on the River Orwell. After a somewhat gruelling journey in the back of a furniture lorry, hampered by two dinghies and two canoes, we arrived tired and hungry at the nearest point to the camp it was possible to take a lorry—a mile away. However, we were extremely grateful when a Land Rover arrived to take the boats down to the school, and then returned for our luggage. We poor mortals, nevertheless, were forced to walk. After a much needed meal the rest of the evening was spent settling in and inspecting our camp site, etc.

Late in the evening, after we had given him up for lost, Roger 'Jim' Hardy arrived in a somewhat 'peevish' mood having come by train and having narrowly missed drowning in several of the potholes leading to the house.

On the next day, Sunday, after a rigging lesson in the morning, we had our first lesson in the art of sailing; no capsizes. In fact, there were none until John Hawke, together with two of his party of young ladies from a London school, capsized rounding onto a buoy. After a couple of days sailing with instructors, we were allowed to take the boats out on our own, and this was where the real fun began.

The river Orwell at Pin Mill is approximately a third of a mile wide, but it shelves at the banks, and there is a channel in the middle about two hundred yards wide which the cargo boats use coming up from Harwich to Ipswich. This channel is also the best part of the river for sailing, and several times throughout the weeks there would be boats flitting about in mid-stream oblivious of a large cargo steamer bearing down relentlessly on them. This looked very funny from a distance, but as this writer can bear witness the sensation is not in the least humorous.

Apart from the extremely enjoyable sailing, the social side was by no means forgotten.

On the Tuesday evening a large party went into Ipswich to the Ipswich Folk Club, and on the Thursday, another party went to the cinema. Apart from these trips, the table-tennis facilities in the house provided a quiet diversion.

On the Thursday, Mr. Doncaster, his son and daughter arrived, mainly to test the performance of our new Heron class dinghy which he had built for the school with the help of members of the woodwork club. Unfortunately, his arrival coincided with that of a turn for the worse in the weather, and paths that had been rock hard degenerated into quagmires, which proved to be especially treacherous at night. However, apart from the discomfort of eating in a tent with a puddle in the middle, and with tables and benches sinking into the mud, the bad weather did not hamper our enjoyment much, as along with the rain came the wind, and on the Friday, the day before we were to leave, we were lucky to have the strongest wind of the week giving us the most exhilarating sailing.

As usual, with any camping enterprise, the cleaning up of our site was the worst part of the week and again, as usual, there were frantic last minute searches for personal property lost or mislaid. Nevertheless, after a scramble we were ready.

Without doubt, all those who went enjoyed themselves, and several of us have now become enthusiastic members of the school's newly formed Sailing Club. We already possess the 'Heron' and now a brand new 'Enterprise'. We intend sailing during games periods in the summer, something, to which we are all looking forward.

Finally, our thanks must be given to Mr. Myatt who took us and without whom the venture would not have been possible. We all look forward to next summer's expedition.

S. A. THOMPSON.

SLOUGH AND LANGLEY JOINT VISIT TO GREECE, 1966

The mission left Langley at 12.30 on 6th April, a fine day which was to herald the good weather enjoyed throughout the trip. The Channel was quiet, and after a good crossing we caught the train at Ostende, 'sleeping' in couchettes, in between being awakened to see Brussels by night, Strasbourg by night, the Turners by night, etc.

We journeyed through the Alps for most of Thursday, enjoying the beautiful scenery and a pleasant night's stay in Rimini. On Friday we were in the train again journeying towards Brindisi where the mission found great opportunity to spread the good word, noticing with joy that most of the inhabitants were foreign. From Brindisi we caught the ferry for Patras, the 'Egnatia', a beautiful ship which boasted, and quite surprisingly had, a small swimming pool. We called in at Corfu and Igoumenitsa, little islands so completely untouched by western tourism that they seemed literally fabulous.

The Adriatic was unbelievably clear, varying from glassy green to the bluest of blues. I watched a sugar cube sink for several minutes.

We arrived, thanks to the acrobatic navigation of the coach driver, in Athens towards midnight on Saturday, just in time for the great festival of the Resurrection. The whole city flocked with candles and firecrackers to join the processions, and so did some of us, but we seemed to flock in the wrong direction and never found any big processions.

On Sunday morning we first met our guide, Mr. Taki, a charming Greek who was to prove a friend and adviser throughout our stay in Greece. We found the Acropolis and the city, Constitution Square, the Royal Palace and the Olympic Stadium, built of pure white marble.

By Sunday night most of us were growing accustomed to the food, which the next day changed miraculously from spaghetti to chicken and chips.

We spent the rest of the week in and around Athens. We visited the beautiful amphitheatre at Epidavros its perfect acoustics enable one to hear a gasp when at the top of its tiered seats. Mycenae was explored, the huge tombs of the house of Atreus and the City of Troy's destructor, Agamemnon. On Wednesday we went to the Temple of Poseidon, standing on a rock high above the blue Aegean, in this case green where we swam in it.

Our two free days were spent exploring the shops—shoes and all leather goods were cheap, and even bargaining in the flea-market, near the Agora. By night the floodlit church of Lycabettus and the Pnix hill, opposite the Acropolis provided beautiful walks.

On Friday, our last day in Greece, we saw Delphi. We were all left breathless by the Greece of mythology, delicate Cypress trees, green woods and Mount Parnassus soaring overhead. We lunched overlooking sheer cliff and the broad sweep of the Corinthian Sea, surely the best possible impression to be left with of this wonderful, unspoilt country.

We returned aboard the good ship 'Egnatia' and through Italy to Rome. Here again we had hot weather and continued sunshine as we crawled through the catacombs, refuge of the early Church, and crept through the impressive new Basilica of St. Paul, whose footsteps we had followed from Athens, to his trial place at Corinth and now to his execution spot. At night we saw the Coliseum once again floodlit and hugely magnificent. St. Peter's proved as colossal and sumptuous as expected and indeed so did the whole of Rome, a fountain at every corner.

On Tuesday, back into the train for home. By Wednesday the 20th April, the group was back at Langley Grammar School, welcomed by a grey sky and a lovely drizzle.

My thanks and those of all the party go to Mr. and Mrs. Turner, understanding, generous and always liberal, applying the cautionary screw only where strictly necessary.

P. STEVENS.

PLAS-Y-BRENIN

This is a personal account kept of the Mountain Activities Course at Plas-y-Brenin, Easter, 1966.

Plas-y-Brenin's population is said to be born with webbed feet, such is the amount of rain they have there. I don't believe it. We had hail, snow and blizzards, mist and gales, but no rain. Saturday 16th. We arrived.

We stayed in an hotel resembling one of the many that can be seen at Torquay, sedate, white-washed and above all quiet. The A5 runs one yard from the main entrance. It took us half an hour to find our rooms as the hotel is sprawled out alongside a lake. We went on a conducted tour of the Centre, as the locals prefer to call it, seeing lecture rooms, a map room, a student's lounge, a rock climbing room, a ski run and a mountain rescue centre—I made friends quickly with them. The centre is a living pictorial museum showing everything for camping, climbing, skiing and canoeing all on display to look at whenever you wanted.

We had our introductory talk at 8.30 p.m. Saturday night, by the warden. 'I will now describe the second fastest way to get down a mountain . . . ' He's a funny man the warden—John Jackson.

. . . and so to bed.

Sunday 17th.

Sunday morning: A talk and general discussion on canoeing.

A brief introduction to the day's happenings: six capsised, two people twice, no hat-tricks, everyone cold.

In the afternoon: Expedition down the lakes. Have you ever tried to canoe in a hail storm?

John (that is, Mr. Jackson) thought our antics were great fun for the first half hour.

They give you half an hour to live in this water (temperature at the time 38°F.). Rodney spent twenty minutes on his back floating supported by his life jacket and my canoe. Time does go slowly.

Monday 18th. Compass and Map work.

In walked our Lady Instructor with a very noticeable limp—Here we go again I thought. We had a very interesting lecture on the use of maps, etc. We were set on a course in the afternoon.

'Get to D via A, B and C,' she said.

We all followed Martin D. and got there. (Where? Oh, a grid reference 617524 shown by two sheep.)

Tuesday 19th.

A very hard, long walk (adjectives carefully considered).

This was quite an experience. We walked several miles and climbed 3,400ft. to some mountain top. 'This is called Glycer Fawr,' said the guide, who knew where we were. We couldn't ask for a second opinion. We hadn't seen our other guide for half an hour due to the mist.

'We will have to return early,' said the guide, 'the mist is too thick and this ice and snow are no help.' We all smiled and crawled on.

The mountains are beautiful when you can see them and the white water streams are really thrilling when you can see them—this mist. The scenery though is really magnificent.

I couldn't grasp the point of this walk, however. We climbed 3,400ft., we sweated and we couldn't see a thing. We ate our lunch in a 'pea-souper'. Two fish paste, one jam, two cheese and a piece of fruit cake—that was lunch.

Wednesday 20th. Climbing.

This was the day. Physical state. No sweat left, finger nails gone and hair turning white.

Not sure whether I like Rock-Climbing.

We spent the day learning the knots, the calls, the technique of climbing and the real thing.

Typical climber's conversation!

'Taking in.'

That's the instructor at the top of the climb pulling in the loose rope and tangling it at the summit.

'That's me,' you yell, wishing it wasn't as the rope goes tight around your waist.

'Climb when ready'—Instructor. That's a laugh. I wonder how long he will wait.

'Climbing,' I reply.

Then he yells 'O.K.' to make sure everything is running smoothly and up you go (or at least some of us).

'What a relief that is over,' you say, sitting at the bottom.

Thursday 21st. 48-hour expedition.

Set out for our camp site at the foot of Snowdon. We got there in driving snow and pitched our tents by a great thundering waterfall (you must camp by a source of water, they said). Trying to get some water, however, from a thundering white torrent and all you have is a small plastic bag!

Had dinner went to bed. Most of us slept well just taking off our boots and crawling into our sleeping bags.

I didn't know Rodney snored so much before.

Friday 22nd.

We dug ourselves out (honestly). The snow was quite thick. Cooking—not bad. Well to tell the truth I was so cold, starved and generally all in I could have eaten anything. (I probably did—well you couldn't put a name to the food straight away).

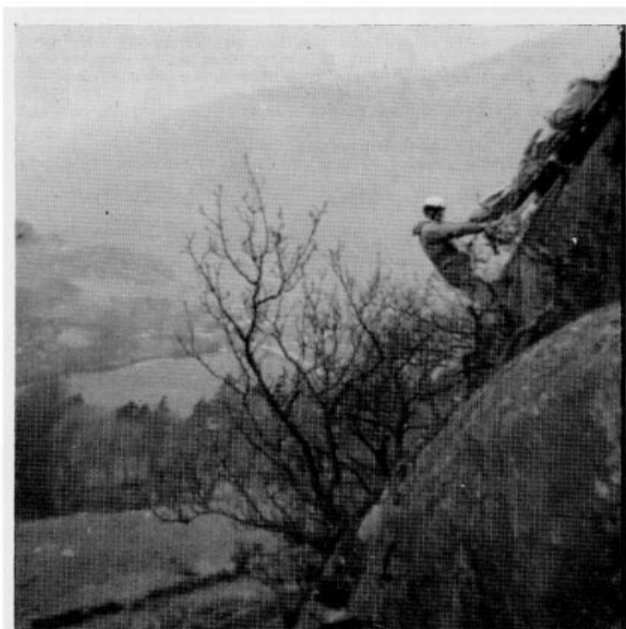
After breakfast we walked to Snowdon. Of course we didn't get there, the ice, mist and snow were too thick. We turned back to Plas-y-Brenin.

An interesting note and a warning. If you go to Plas-y-Brenin and they

ask you if you are a Boy Scout, don't answer. They believe they have had to rescue more Boy Scouts than anybody else.

I would like to thank Mr. March for a very enjoyable holiday. Thank you.

D. DILNOT.



Mountain rescue

SPORT

ATHLETICS 1965

SPORTS DAY 1965

Houses: G—Gray; Ha—Hampden; He—Herschel; M—Milton
Age groups (reorganised in 1964, thus all previously existing records became void): Under 13, Under 15, Under 17, Under 20, on September 1st, 1965.

Points per event: 1st, 5; 2nd, 3; 3rd, 2; 4th, 1; double for relays.
Under 13 [Records in brackets]
100 yards [1964: N. Chilcott (M), 12.5 secs.]
1st D. Lole (M), 2nd P. Casey (He), 3rd A. Spouse (Ha), 4th A. McFall (Ha).
Time: 13.3 secs.
High Jump [1964: N. Locke (He), 4ft. 0ins.]
1st A. McFall (Ha), 2nd I. McHardie (G), 3rd S. O'Leary (G), 4th A. Spouse (Ha).
Height 4ft. 1in. (new record).
Long Jump [1964: G. Watterson (Hs), 13ft. 5ins.]
1st A. McFall (Ha), 2nd P. Casey (He), 3rd P. McGough (M), 4th G. Cunningham (M).
Distance 13ft. 11ins. (new record).
Relay [1964: Gray, 60.1 secs.]
1st Hampden, 2nd Milton, 3rd Herschel, 4th Gray.
Time 60.1 secs. (equals record).
U13 House Championship
Winners: Hampden. Points: 24.

U15—
100 yards [1964: T. Thwaites (G), 12 secs.]
1st J. Phear (G), 2nd K. Giles (M), 3rd R. Bowyer (Ha), 4th N. Chilcott (M).
Time 11.8 secs. (new record).
220 yards [1964: K. Dougan (He), 27.3 secs.]
1st J. Phear (G), 2nd R. Bowyer (Ha), 3rd M. Blacher (He), 4th N. Chilcott (M).
Time 26.9 secs. (new record).
440 yards [1964: M. Moore (M), 61.6 secs.]
1st M. Price (Ha), 2nd R. Behan (M), 3rd R. Thomas (Ha), 4th G. Watterson (He).
Time 65.9 secs.
880 yards [1964: M. Moore (M), 2 mins. 19.6 secs.]
1st M. Price (Ha), 2nd R. Twardawa (He), 3rd S. Shears (Ha), 4th A. Tyrie (G).
Time 2 mins. 27.6 secs.
Mile [1964: R. Hatch (G), 5 mins. 17.4 secs.]
1st C. Hague (Ha), 2nd R. Twardawa (He), 3rd A. Tyrie (G), 4th E. Pelling (G).
Time: 5 mins. 38.3 secs.
High Jump [1964: M. Blacher (He), 4ft. 5½ins.]
1st N. Locke (He), 2nd M. Harvay (M), 3rd P. Hughes (G), 4th R. Bowyer (Ha) and T. Garrod (Ha).
Height 4ft. 4½ins.
Long Jump [1964: A. Jones (Ha), 16ft. 2½ins.]
1st J. Phear, 2nd R. Bowyer, 3rd K. Giles, 4th D. Badby.
Distance 16ft. 3ins. (new record).
Triple Jump [1964: M. Moore (M), 33ft. 0½ins.]
1st M. Blacher (He), 2nd N. Tarrant (M), 3rd N. Locke (He), 4th M. Price (Ha).
Distance 31ft. 6ins.
Discus [1964: J. Pell (Ha), 100ft.]
1st D. Hudson (He), 2nd P. Evans (G), 3rd S. Shears (Ha), 4th A. Bastin (Ha).
Distance 75ft. 7½ins.
Shot [1964: B. Stout (Ha), 28ft. 6½ins.]
1st A. Pitcher (M), 2nd R. Parker (M), 3rd D. Osborne (Ha), 4th J. Hall (He).
Distance 34ft. 10ins. (new record).
Javelin [1964: M. Moore (M), 96ft. 6½ins.]
1st A. Pitcher (M), 2nd B. Szulc (G), 3rd S. Lavcile (M), 4th S. Shears (Ha).
Distance 93ft. 7ins.
Relay [1964: Gray, 54.8 secs.]
1st Hampden, 2nd Milton, 3rd Herschel. Gray were disqualified.
Time 55.1 secs.
U15 House Championship
Winners: Hampden. Points: 46½.
U17—
100 yards [1964: R. Poulter (M), 11 secs.]
1st W. Manners (He), 2nd C. Avis (Ha), 3rd T. Thwaites (G), 4th K. Dougan (He).
Time 11.4 secs.
220 yards [1964: R. Poulter (M), 25 secs.]
1st W. Manners (He), 2nd C. Avis (Ha), 3rd M. Moore (M), 4th K. Spellman (He).
Time 25.5 secs.
440 yards [1964: G. Wallace, 56.6 secs.]
1st M. Clarke (M), 2nd G. Crawford (Ha), 3rd K. Spellman (He), 4th J. Luckie (M).
Time 57.5 secs.
880 yards [1964: G. Crawford (Ha), 2 mins. 9.9 secs.]
1st M. Moore (M), 2nd A. Moore (M), 3rd D. Twigg (G), 4th G. Crawford (Ha).
Time 2 mins. 10.9 secs.

Mile [1964: J. Luckie, 4 mins. 49.5 secs.]
 1st A. Moore (M), 2nd D. Twigg (G), 3rd F. McFall (Ha), 4th E. Froggatt (Ha).
 Time 4 mins. 52.2 secs. (new record).
 High Jump [1964: G. Hammond (G), 4ft. 11ins.]
 1st A. Jones (Ha), 2nd G. Pizzey (He), 3rd K. Hampton (M), 4th F. Avery (Ha).
 Height 4ft. 8ins.
 Long Jump [1964: R. Grantham (Ha), 18ft. 6ins.]
 1st C. Avis (Ha), 2nd K. Martin (He), 3rd K. Butler (M), 4th J. Luckie (M).
 Distance 16ft. 8ins.
 Triple Jump [1964: R. Poulter (M), 37ft. 3ins.]
 1st K. Martin (He), 2nd C. Avis (Ha), 3rd M. Moore (M), 4th J. Elder (G).
 Distance 38ft. 6ins. (new record).
 Discus [1964: B. Sweet (M), 105ft. 7ins.]
 1st M. Clarke (M), 2nd A. Jackson (Ha), 3rd M. Sherwood-Smith (G), 4th D. Murtagh (Ha).
 Distance 111ft. 0ins. (new record).
 Javelin [1964: M. Stanborough (Ha), 121ft. 10ins.]
 1st R. Willetts (G), 2nd S. Morton (He), 3rd F. Avery (Ha), 4th G. Crawford (Ha).
 Distance 111ft. 9ins.
 Relay [1964: Hampden, 50 secs.]
 1st Hampden, 2nd Herschel, 3rd Milton, 4th Gray.
 Time 50.6 secs.
 U17 House Championship
 Winners: Hampden. Points: 46.
 U20—
 100 yards [1964: G. Hester (Ha), 10.5 secs.]
 1st G. Hester (Ha), 2nd P. White (Ha), 3rd K. Stevenson (M), 4th M. Watson (He).
 Time 10.8 secs.
 220 yards [1964: G. Hester (Ha), 23.8 secs.]
 1st G. Hester (Ha), 2nd M. Bell (G), 3rd A. Johnson (He), 4th R. Grantham (Ha).
 Time 25.1 secs.
 440 yards [1964: A. Johnson (He), 55.1 secs.]
 1st G. Wallace (G), 2nd A. Quentin (M), 3rd M. Bell (G), 4th A. Johnson (He).
 Time 55.0 secs. (new record).
 880 yards [1964: M. Rouse (G), 2 mins. 3.6 secs.]
 1st D. Dilnot (He), 2nd M. Rouse (G), 3rd K. Messenger (Ha), 4th N. Campbell (Ha).
 Time 2 mins. 6 secs.
 Mile [1964: M. Rouse (G), 4 mins. 35.9 secs.]
 1st M. Rouse (G), 2nd D. Dilnot (He), 3rd K. Messenger (Ha), 4th R. Lang (G).
 Time 4 mins. 39.2 secs.
 High Jump [1964: P. Griffiths (He), 5ft. 2ins.]
 1st D. Godfrey (He), 2nd R. Grantham (Ha), 3rd J. Perkins (G), 4th C. Bass (M).
 Height 5ft. 3ins. (new record).
 Long Jump [1964: M. Holloway (He), 19ft. 5ins.]
 1st G. Hester (Ha), 2nd A. Johnson (He), 3rd R. Grantham (Ha), 4th A. Quentin (M).
 Distance 19ft. 8ins. (new record).
 Triple Jump [1964: A. Johnson (He), 42ft. 3ins.]
 1st A. Johnson (He), 2nd G. Hester (Ha), 3rd P. White (Ha), 4th A. Quentin (M).
 Distance 41ft. 11ins.
 Discus [1964: A. Alderman (G), 115ft. 10ins.]
 1st R. Lister (M), 2nd J. Posti (He), 3rd A. Pell (Ha), 4th C. Hari (G).
 Distance 112ft. 4ins.
 Shot [1964: I. Taylor (He), 40ft. 6ins.]
 1st R. Lister (M), 2nd I. Taylor (He), 3rd A. Parsons (M), 4th B. Price (G).
 Distance 43ft. 1ins. (new record).
 Javelin [1964: I. Taylor (He), 160ft. 4ins.]
 1st I. Taylor (He), 2nd G. Hammond (G), 3rd I. Kitching (G), 4th J. Latache (Ha).
 Distance 138ft. 7ins.
 Relay [1964: Milton, 48.1 secs.]
 1st Hampden, 2nd Gray, 3rd Herschel, 4th Milton.
 Time 49.3 secs.
 Under 20 House Championships.
 Winners: Hampden. Points: 47.
 Final Results: all classes for House Championship. The Johnson Cup was presented to the captain of the winning House.
 1st Hampden, 163 pts.; 2nd Milton, 115 pts.; 3rd Herschel, 115 pts.; 4th Gray, 88 pts.
 Event not within the House Championship:
 Handicap Mile [Record (from scratch): M. Rouse, 4 mins. 44.7 secs.]
 1st M. Rouse, 2nd P. Twigg, 3rd A. Moore, 4th C. Hague.
 Time 4 mins. 45.5 secs.

DISTRICT SPORTS

UNDER 13
 100 yards—Lole 2nd.
 High Jump—McHardie 2nd.
 Relay—2nd.

UNDER 15
 100 yards—Phear 2nd.
 220 yards—Giles 4th, Phear 5th.
 Shot—Pitcher 1st.
 Javelin—Pitcher 1st.
 High Jump—Blacher 4th.
 Triple Jump—Blacher 1st.
 UNDER 17
 100 yards—Poulter 3rd, Manners 4th.
 220 yards—Poulter 3rd.
 440 yards—Luckie 3rd.
 880 yards—M. Moore 2nd, Crawford 3rd.
 Mile—A. Moore 2nd, Twigg 4th.
 Long Jump—Martin 4th.
 Triple Jump—Avis 1st, Martin 2nd.
 Shot—Pratt 3rd.
 UNDER 20
 100 yards—Hester 1st, White 2nd.
 220 yards—Hester 1st, White 2nd.
 440 yards—Wallace 1st, Johnson 2nd.
 880 yards—Dilnot 1st, Campbell 4th.
 Mile—Rouse 1st, Messenger 3rd.
 Hurdles—Dilnot 1st.
 Relay—1st.
 Shot—R. Lister 1st, J. Posti 2nd.
 Javelin—Taylor 3rd.
 Pole Vault—Kennedy 1st.
 Long Jump—A. Johnson 1st, R. Grantham 4th.
 Triple Jump—Johnson 1st.

COUNTY SPORTS

UNDER 13
 No team was sent, as there was no competition in this age group.
 UNDER 15
 Shot—Pitcher 2nd, 35ft. 9ins.
 Triple—Blacher 4th, 36ft. 5ins.
 Relay—Phear. The team was placed 1st in the relay.
 UNDER 17
 880 yards—M. Moore.
 Mile—A. Moore.
 Triple—Avis, Martin.
 Steeplechase—Crawford 1st, 3 mins. 5.3 secs.
 UNDER 20
 100 yards—Hester 3rd, 10.7 secs, White.
 220 yards—Hester 4th, 24.0 secs.
 440 yards—Wallace 4th.
 880 yards—Dilnot.
 Mile—Rouse.
 Shot—Lister 3rd, 41ft. 2ins.; Taylor.
 Discus—Lister 3rd, 122ft. 7ins.
 Long Jump—Johnson 1st, 20ft. 10ins.
 Triple Jump—Johnson 1st, 45ft. 5ins. (new County record).
 Relay—Hester, White—2nd.
 Steeplechase—D. Dilnot.
 Johnson and Crawford competed in the National Schools Athletic Championships.
 Johnson deserves special mention as he gained third place in the triple jump behind two Junior Internationals. This shows that Johnson is now beginning to fulfil his promise as one of the best triple jumpers in the country.
 Crawford, a novice at the 1,000 ms. steeplechase, ran his fastest time in the heats but was unable to qualify for the final. With more training he will no doubt regain his county title and finish up in the 'All-England'.

FOOTBALL REPORTS

The overall record was as follows:

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Goals	
				For	Against
31	23	4	4	122	44

The winning of 23 games was a new school record.

The team carried on the good record of the previous season and soon settled down, carrying all before them. The defence was firm and the attack fluid. However, at the beginning of March the school entered a stale period, losing several successive games.

The team was rather fortunate in being able to call upon extremely competent reserves when this was necessary.

Outstanding games were two wins over Ealing 4—2, 3—1, and over Holloway 3—2, 3—0 (although the latter have not had a happy season), draw and defeat with Bishopshalt 0—2, 3—3, and defeat to Hampton 2—3. An expected revenge came from Corinthian Casuals when they showed that many lessons in the art of playing good intelligent soccer have still to be learnt in their 4—1 drubbing.

However, results were well up to expectation and often better. School usually played thoughtful football and the level of individual skills was high.

Probably the most outstanding player was K. Messenger who is to be congratulated on his selection to the England Youth party. Ken also played for a F.A. Colts XI and attended Schools' Week at Oxford. He also, together with G. Wallace, G. Hester (vice-captain) and R. Lister, our captain, played for the Berks and Bucks G.S.F.A.. Graham Wallace also attended Schools' Week.

R. Lister, R. Grantham and G. Wallace were stalwarts in defence, and in the forward line K. Messenger was the schemer with G. Hester and C. Avis very speedy goal scorers, both netting nearly 25 goals each.

The team selection was made from the following: Lister, Keates, Wallace, Poulter, Grantham, Gleave, Cruickshank, Eaglestone, Donoghue, Avis, Messenger, Hester—soundly supported on occasions by Weller, Elder, McFall and Kitching.

T. BRAY.

2nd XI

The 2nd XI had an extremely successful season and added further to its record in recent years of being the most consistent and prolific team in the school.

The 2nd XI has constantly broken records for goal scoring in senior football, being first to reach 100 goals in the season, followed by 125, and this season the remarkable milestone of 150 goals has been reached; 100 goals had already been scored by the first game in January. This has been done in 31 games and at the record high average of over 4.8 goals per game.

The team has also established a school record of 23 senior victories in one season. The final figures are 23 won, 3 drawn, 5 lost, 150 goals for, 49 against.

Despite this success, team selection has been anything but easy. Injuries and deficiencies in senior football double up for the 2nd XI in an alarming way. In all no less than forty boys played for the team throughout the season. Yet it is interesting to note the part played by the 2nd XI in the supplying of 1st XI players—in this year's 1st XI only one made the jump from U15 XI to 1st XI without 2nd XI experience.

I. Kitching, playing his third season for the 2nd XI, with an excellent performance as goalkeeper, gained the complete confidence of his full-backs, K. Butler and K. Martin. These players developed a strong partnership and held their positions on the line throughout the season.

Moving forward, the half-backs were pivoted around A. Weller, a strong and domineering centre-half, who held the defence intact. The wing-halves were mainly selected from Elder, Sherwood-Smith, Pratt and Walker. All were very capable in both attack and defence. J. Hamilton, the captain, led the team from both half-back and inside-forward.

Although there was a great deal of competition for places in the forward line, it was difficult to find a centre-forward. B. Aherne, when not playing hockey, solved this problem admirably; strong and forceful, he finished as leading goalscorer with 42 goals. M. Moore at inside-forward, was an untiring worker. D. Dilnot, another regular forward, played at outside-right, giving tremendous effort. W. Manners and J. Raven often played in the latter half of the season, always giving their best.

B. Eaglestone, a splendid ballplayer, and F. McFall, a rugged tackler, were invaluable when not called upon to play for the 1st XI. K. Hampton, K. Franklin and I. Rance, who although unable to command regular places every match, proved themselves very capable deputies and showed great promise for future seasons.

I. Kitching was awarded full colours for his three years of service to the team as goalkeeper. J. Hamilton was also awarded full colours.

Behind the scenes, Mr. J. S. Boardall must take a lot of the credit for such a successful season. As team manager he has given much valuable time to organising and encouraging and through his constant watch for talent, many of us have been given a chance to prove our worth.

J. R. HAMILTON.

The 2nd XI has been blessed with excellent captains and John Hamilton has followed successfully in this tradition. To organise and control a 2nd XI calling on some 40 boys and depending on many others outside the team is a skilled operation. The 2nd XI gives invaluable experience in its tremendous variety of positional play and because of frequent and unavoidable team changes demands team-spirit and co-operation of a high order if it is to succeed. It is a tribute to Hamilton that the team has enjoyed such considerable success this season and remained fresh and enthusiastic throughout. He has led the team with great vigour on the field, and off it has greatly assisted with team selection by his indefatigable checking on availability of players.

J.S.B.

UNDER 15 'A' XI

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals	
				For	Against
26	17	2	7	91	46

Despite a severely curtailed league programme, this team has enjoyed a fairly successful season, reaching the final of the Rebel Shield, and finishing runners-up in the league. Having beaten Haymill in a league game by four league was to be shared with Haymill it was decided that the winners of goals to one, we had every hope of repeating this win in the final. As the Rebel Shield would also be league champions. Unfortunately for use Haymill won by one goal to nil. Their goal was scored in the twenty-second minute of the second half, and as the second half lasted only twenty-three minutes it gave us no hope of equalising. In the six-a-side tournament the team played well to reach the final, but once against we lost by the odd goal to Slough and Eton.

Team: Giles, Starling, Garrod, Lewin, Pitcher, Behan, Wood, Campbell, Field, Shears, Littlefair, Badby.

R. D.

UNDER 15 B XI

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Goals Against	Points
8	1	2	5	12	25	4

The team had a poor season, improving slightly towards the end with a 0—0 draw against the League Champions, Woodside. On the whole, constructive and sometimes entertaining football was played. The team was selected from: Harvey, Rumley, Bloomfield, Martin, Bowyer, Lucas, Amoroso, Badby, Austin, Godfrey (capt.), Twardawa and Martin. I.S.

UNDER 14 XI

Played	Won	Lost	For	Goals Against
9	6	3	22	10

This was a ready-made team—winners of the District Under 13 League in the previous season. We expected success and were not disappointed; they produced much skilful and attractive football but failed to score an equivalent number of goals.

During the second half of the season a plan was devised to make best use of the individual talents available, and the team settled down quite quickly to this 3—4—3 system. The plan required much re-thinking and far more mobility from the team, and they are to be congratulated on their efforts.

Special congratulations to S. Scattergood, G. Watterson and R. Wood on their selection for the District U 14 XI.

Team from: Badby, Chilcott, Digby, Doig, Godfrey, Hammond, Hughes, Price, Scattergood (capt.), Stickland, Szulc, Watterson, Wilson, Wood. G.M.

UNDER 13 'A'

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Goals Against
24	13	1	10	78	70

For this team the season fell into two distinct phases, the first being from September to the end of February. In these six months six of the fifteen games played were won. The figures flatter the team, however, for five of the victories were against very mediocre opponents, and against better sides they were usually completely outclassed. In defence marking was very slack and tackling weak, while the attack lacked punch. It was not possible to find a settled eleven and due to this, and the long intervals between games in the winter, little cohesion developed. We had, however, reached the semi-final of the Lightfoot Cup.

Early in March, after a run of five defeats, it was decided to bring in several new players, make some positional changes, and then to keep this eleven together—more or less regardless of results—for the continual changes weren't getting us anywhere. Fortunately this was successful, for in the last three weeks of the season we won seven and drew one of our nine games, scoring thirty-seven goals against fourteen. Cunningham proved very reliable in goal and the defence tightened up considerably with Holdway and McHardie playing well. Brown and McFall usually managed to get a grip on mid-field play and the attack averaged four goals a game. The season ended with the final of the Lightfoot Cup against Langley Secondary School at the Dolphin Stadium. On form we had no chance, but in the event the team managed to hold on to a goal scored early in the first half; this was a very good performance, especially by the defence.

Obviously a better overall record would have been achieved if the successful combination had been arrived at earlier but it is a mistake to think that it would have been outstanding; on reflection, our league position of third (of six) behind Langley and Warrenfield is probably a fair indication of merit.



Winners of the Lightfoot Cup

For it must be admitted that we were a shade lucky to beat Langley in the final, and both teams twice beat us easily earlier in the season. Nevertheless, a successful and enjoyable season.

Team: Cunningham, Reeves, Holdway, O'Leary, McHardie, Brown, Love, McFall (capt.), Jackson, Grant, Jones, S. Also played on more than five occasions: Biggs, Casey, Wilks, Abbott, Cornish, Stuthard.

McFall and Cunningham represented the District Schools XI.

W.K.N.

UNDER 13 'B' XI

Although generalization is a dangerous practice, one can state with a reasonable amount of confidence that a team that is as fluid as this one has been in its members cannot hope to be consistently successful. By fluidity in this context, I mean the bewildering coming and going of certain boys owing to the commandeering practices of the U 13 'A' team. This, however, seems inevitable and one doesn't complain, since the team did very well under these trying conditions.

The nucleus of the team, Davis, James, Stickland, Brutin and Lole played energetically and acquitted themselves creditably. Of those whom one saw from time to time, in transit, special mention must be made of S. Jones and Cunningham. They soon passed into the more rarefied atmosphere of U. 13 'A'.

U. 13 'B' played successfully against Alderbourne, drew on one occasion with Warrenfield, only just failing to measure up to Evreham, William Penn, the Technical School and Woodside.

The team included: Cunningham, Jackson, Conway, Abbott, Reeves, Casey, Ivory, Lole, S. Jones, S. James, Stickland, Davis, Brutin.

P.J.

RUGBY 1965-66

The School 1st XV had a mediocre season, winning only seven out of twenty-three games and scoring 132 points against 266. Indeed, only three successive victories at the end of the season made the final record as good as this. Obviously, this means that there were certain shortcomings in the team, but before these are discussed there are certain mitigating circumstances which know ought to be made.

The first of these is injuries. It is a problem putting a team into the field at the best of times (e.g., there were only sixteen Sixth Formers available this season) but when as many as five or six are injured or otherwise unavailable, the situation is almost impossible. Twice in the first three games Bloxham ended up in hospital, the second time was a broken arm. In the same game Morffew cracked a rib and Spellman was concussed. With Hardwick also injured, a very weak team faced strong opponents Ranelagh—and within five minutes Chilcott was off with a dislocated finger, White followed with a knee injury and Bell was also concussed. The problem reached its height (or depth?) in a game against Slough Technical High School when eight reserves were fielded including Chenhall, who had only joined the school that morning, and the master-in-charge, who played when Chilcott felt to ill to turn out at the last minute!

The second major problem was that of the pitch. The wet winter played havoc with our uneven pitch, causing many administrative problems to the master-in-charge and to the most efficient secretary, Morffew. It also hampered the playing of skilled or enjoyable rugby.

Despite these problems, there were obvious weaknesses in the team. Comparatively few points were conceded (an average of twelve a game) but School just could not score (an average of only six a game). The problem was lack of penetration. Neither G. Flynn nor R. Chilcott (who played in every position behind the scrum to fill the 'manpower gap') had the physique to make ground and thus only P. White had scoring-power, playing with considerable determination. Unfortunately, he saw little of the ball. The backs played well in defence, however, with P. Bloxham catching and kicking well and M. Hardwick also finding touch with remarkable accuracy. Thus, much was left to K. Spellman and he could do little on his own. Though always sound, he could not consistently reproduce his form of the previous year.

This failure of the backs was a pity because the forwards, who were an effective unit by the end of the season, gave them plenty of the ball, and S. Thompson played most reliably at scrum-half, once he had settled down. Amongst the forwards the outstanding player was J. Posti, who earned his County Colts colours. He was always a fine example in the loose, especially showing how to rob an opposing player of the ball. A. Parsons made quite a successful transition to the forwards—though he could have used his weight more at times. He was leading scorer with seven tries and seven conversions. H. Fields, who unfortunately left school at Christmas, was also as reliable as ever and discovered a new rôle as place-kicker. Another reliable player was C. Morffew, an energetic wing-forward. None of the rest of the players were brilliant, but they all improved immeasurably—and no one can expect more than that. P. Bell became an efficient second-row forward and lineout player D. Wallington became a solid prop and A. Chenhall was a very useful acquisition. L. Humphries tackled fearlessly and J. Luckie showed great improvement.

Among the Fifth Formers 'blooded', I. Hughes was a very promising forward with a flair for the game, and T. Thwaites an elusive, if small, winger. Both M. Peterson and K. Jones showed the value of their experience at other schools, though Jones's lack of basic speed may lead to a switch to the pack next season. Others who played for the side were: R. Lister (a very useful forward as well as soccer goalkeeper), G. Hammond, R. Willetts, S. Morton and M. Stanborough.

One notable step taken towards the end of the season was the foundation of Under 15, 14 and 13 teams. All these teams played a few games and have promising players. What is important to these teams is that they will gain

experience of 15-a-side matches—a thing impossible in games periods, due to limited numbers. Thus, in future, the 1st XV may avoid the ridiculous situation of fielding players who have never played before in the opening games of the season. Even against the 2nd and 3rd XV's of rugby-playing schools, we are up against players of five or six years' experience. People who have played fewer than five or six games cannot hope to compete. This new policy of junior teams, inaugurated by Mr. March, may overcome this problem, and though next season again looks like being a thin one, we hope soon to be doing justice to our strong fixture list.

County Colts Colours: Awarded to J. Posti.

Full Colours: Re-awarded to K. Spellman. Awarded to C. Morffew, J. Posti, A. Parsons, S. Thompson.

Half Colours: Awarded to P. Bell, P. Bloxham, R. Chilcott, D. Wallington, P. White.

SENIOR CROSS-COUNTRY

On paper this should have been our best cross-country team to date but it was not to be. We could call on six county athletes to run for us but due to other sporting activities the team was seriously reduced. All the running was left to two main athletes, A. Moore and G. Crawford and a pack of enthusiastic, hard working runners from the fourth form and above.

This was not a good season at all. We lost many matches that we could have won with our best team. The only time in the season we ran our complete 'A' team, against Ottershaw Public School, we won easily.

Our one outstanding run, however, was when the team of A. Moore, M. Moore, G. Crawford, D. Dilnot, Froggatt and McFall won the Bucks Boys' Club 15 mile Amersham to Slough Road Relay. There was a high class entry for this race with people like G. King (Junior World six mile record holder) and many county athletes all taking part.

We had our bad runs as well. In 1965 we finished second in the Dr. Challoner's Relay, this year eighteenth. We lost the District Championship (I can't remember us ever having lost this before).

Run 16, won 8, lost 8.

Personalities:

A. Moore (Capt.)—Without doubt one of the best runners the school has had. His dedicated training has reaped its reward as shown by the following results:

2nd District; 2nd Bucks Schools; 6th Bucks A.A.A.; Inter Counties 50th (300 ran); National A.A.A. 43rd (750 ran).

M. Moore—A most promising athlete. This young runner turns in surprisingly consistent high class runs without any training. He won the District Championships by a large margin indeed and ran a creditable third in the Bucks Boys' Cross-Country Championships. He was picked for Bucks to run in the Intercounties.

G. Crawford—A strong runner who ran well over the cross-country courses although mainly a track runner. Injury dogged him for most of the season. However, he ran well enough to be picked for the District team.

D. Dilnot—A bad year for this athlete. His lack of training showed markedly in his uninspired running. He did not qualify for the County team for the first time in five years, but he did run for an England representative team in the International cross-country race 'Le Soir' in Belgium.

Potter, Watterson, Twigg and Whiting—These four runners proved the backbone of the team. They showed determination in their running and were a credit to the team.

Half Colours: Whiting, Watterson, Twigg.

Full Colours: Potter.

Re-awarding Colours: A. Moore, Crawford.

Others who ran for the School were Phear, Tyrie, Price, Twardawa, Pelling, Wall, Troke, Pratt, Elder.

D. DILNOT.

JUNIOR CROSS-COUNTRY

The Under 17, Under 15 and Under 13 teams have had a busy year with many fixtures especially towards the end of the season. In addition, some of the Under 17 team took turns running for the Senior team.

The Under 17 team has been a strong team which has worked and trained well. They should do well next year though success will depend as ever on regular training. M. Moore has been invaluable as a member of this team. He won the District. The Langley Relay was a disappointment due to the inability to present out best team. By way of contrast the younger teams have had very varying success due to the unreliability of runners who say they will attend a match and fail to turn up on the day. There have been notable performances from Wood in the Third Form who won the District Championships at Black Park, and from Chivers of the Second who is a reliable and very competent runner. The first form started well but have lost their enthusiasm. They need yet to learn that the glories of a race depend on the hard work that has been put in before hand in Upton Park.

K.W.

HOCKEY

Captain: B. Aherne. Vice-Captain: R. Lang.
Secretary: P. Willatts.

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Goals Against
19	12	3	4	60	24

This has been a far better season than the last. At times there was definitely a team playing and not just a collection of individuals. One of the highlights of the season was the 1—0 defeat of Aylesbury. This was a truly remarkable achievement, considering Aylesbury had previously not lost a match, and there were only ten men on our side. At the end of the season we played in the Burnham six-a-sides, but were unable to maintain our usual high standard. The School team was represented in a combined School and Old Paludians XI at the annual Teddington Festival.

However, it is unlikely that this would have been such a successful season had it not been for the efforts of Mr. Curry, whose training sessions and words of advice on the touchline have improved the standard of the School's hockey considerably.

The team comprised:

- D. Hillier (Goalkeeper)—A converted football goalkeeper who has adapted well to his new game.
- K. Stevenson (Left-back)—Has had another successful season. He has provided a useful support for the attack, scoring four goals himself.
- P. Willatts (Right-back)—A player who has improved greatly during the season. A strong defence has been formed along with K. Stevenson.
- J. Whelan (Left-half)—A promising player who has improved towards the end of the season.
- R. Lang (Centre-half)—Has played well throughout the season and was chosen to play for the County Schoolboys' XI.
- J. Overton (Right-half)—A reliable player who has played steadily throughout the season.
- K. Fraser (Outside-left)—A determined, aggressive player who improved considerably in the second half of the season.
- B. Aherne (Inside-left, Capt.)—A confident player who has been the spear-head of the attack. As a captain he was always ready with a helpful word of advice and encouragement. He was also chosen to play for the County Schoolboys' XI.
- P. Cannings (Centre-forward)—Another player in his first season who has done very well.
- R. Smith (Inside-right)—Moved from outside left and has played much better in his new position. A skilful player who should do well next season.
- C. Parker (Outside-right)—Has played much better on the right wing than he did on the left last season.

R. Lewington, J. Treble, W. Donoghue and R. Peacock also played. Full colours were awarded to K. Stevenson, K. Fraser and P. Willatts; re-awarded to B. Aherne and R. Lang. Half colours were awarded to P. Cannings, R. Smith, C. Parker, D. Hillier and J. Overton.

Finally, our thanks go to the Old Paludians' Hockey Club who have once again provided the opportunity for School players to play in their teams.

P. WILLETTS.

BASKETBALL CLUB

Played	Won	Lost	Points	
			For	Against
19	6	13	716	745

This season the club raised its number of fixtures to nineteen of which six were won. This may seem an unsuccessful season but looking at the final points scored it can be seen how close many of the games must have been. In fact quite a number of games were decided by one or two baskets which in basketball is not at all decisive.

Adrian Weller topped the scoring for the first half of the season but was gradually overhauled by Mick Clark who improved tremendously towards the end of the season finishing up as top scorer. Fortunately Clark will be here next year. Between them Weller and Clark scored over two-thirds of the total points.

Terry Bray and Geoff Hester led the attack well with Clive Avis and Nigel Hodgson being regular squad members playing steadily if not brilliantly when substituted. Hugh Burden, not one of the highest scorers in the team, developed well in defence and stopped many certain baskets from the opposition.

Towards the end of the season a number of Fifth Formers played and it is from these that we hope to build next year's team.

Clark and Weller were awarded colours.

Finally, many thanks to Thompson, Landale and Donoghue for their help in timekeeping and scoring.

C.M.

CRICKET 1965

This year the School Cricket XI enjoyed a fairly successful season. It was ably led for the third year by C. Bass and coached with enthusiasm by Mr. Henderson.

The bowling was adequate; the opening bowlers G. Walker and A. Parsons took forty-one wickets between them and they were well supported by T. Bray and C. Bass who provided the spin attack.

The batting was sometimes liable to collapse after the departure of Bass. P. Bloxham and F. McFall were promising young openers but unfortunately failed to find understanding between the wickets. In addition to this pair, M. Bell, K. Spellman, C. Bass and P. Smith provided the main batting strength, all occasionally scoring excellent totals.

M. Bell once again kept wicket superbly and his agility behind the stumps was an example to spur on his team-mates. The ground fielding and catching, however, ranged from the fantastic to the abysmal.

A nucleus of players is left for next year's XI but the loss of C. Bass will be difficult to remedy. However we look to the younger members for signs of promise and enthusiasm.

Colours were awarded to: T. Bray, A. Parsons, P. Smith.

Colours were re-awarded to: C. Bass, G. Walker.

The team was selected from the following: C. Bass, K. Spellman, P. Bloxham, F. McFall, M. Bell, P. Smith, G. Roberts, B. Aherne, C. Avis, M. Clark, A. Parsons, G. Walker, T. Bray, I. Kitching, A. Pell.

G. WALKER, Hon. Secretary.

Record

Won	Drawn	Lost	Cancelled
7	3	4	3

INTERMEDIATE CRICKET

The Under 15 XI found itself very evenly matched with its opponents in all five matches.

A one wicket victory was gained at the expense of Ranelagh and a one wicket defeat sustained against Dr. Challoner's. Both matches depended on the last man.

A strong Strodes side was held to a draw. Encouragement was given to L.V.S.—one run victors by the final man, and to Langley G.S. who won by four wickets.

The side played keenly at all times but lacked solid batting strength. There were several average batsmen; only Rance really stood out.

Butler, with 20 wickets, and Dean, with 11, were the mainstay of the bowling. They bowled very well and also economically.

Rance proved to be a very good captain both on the field and in off the field organisation.

In the Horlicks Cup Competition the Intermediate team, drawn against the Technical School, figured in a most spectacular and entertaining display of knockout cricket. The Grammar School had been winners of the competition in 1963 and the Technical School in 1964.

The scoring was the highest ever seen in the competition—the Technical School being adjudged the winners in the allotted number of overs with 140 runs to the School total of 139.

The School was rather unfortunate in this remarkably close encounter—a scoring mistake was discovered later which revealed that in fact both teams had scored exactly the same total of 139 runs. Of the School total, Spellman scored 53 and Rance 40.

Spellman was selected for the County on several occasions. Butler played twice and Rance was a County trialist.

J.S.B.

TENNIS 1964-65

1st TENNIS VI

The School 1st Tennis VI had a record number of fixtures partly marred by poor weather. Success was only moderate compared with previous years. Of the twelve games played last season, seven were won and five lost.

The team entered the Glanville Cup Competition but were knocked out in the first round by Langley G.S. In July, R. Lister and M. Sherwood-Smith represented the school in the L.T.A. Boys' Schools' National Tournament at Wimbledon in the Clarke Cup. They survived the first round by beating Liverpool College but in the second round they met strong opposition in Emanuel School and were beaten 2—0. This school was the eventual winner of the competition and of the Youth Cup.

The team, held together well by their captain, R. Lister, usually consisted of B. Aherne, A. Quentin, F. Taylor, M. Sherwood-Smith and A. Towersey. Others who played in the team included A. Bloxham, J. Posti, D. Webber and R. Poulter.

2nd TENNIS VI

Over the past five or six years tennis has become more and more popular in the School. It was possible last season to have a 2nd VI for the first time. The team played only four games and won only one. We hope for success in the coming season.

The team consisted of West, Raisbeck, Nelson, Flynn, A. John, Bloxham, Langford, Price and Hardwick.

D. W. WEBBER.

BADMINTON CLUB 1964-65

Captain: B. Aherne.		Secretary: J. Stanley.	
Played	Won	Lost	
8	5	3	

We had a fairly successful season in spite of losing two of our best players, B. Walker (Capt.), and Perkins during the season. B. Aherne took over as captain. Together with his partner, R. Long, they made a very strong pair.

They played in the Bucks, Berks and Oxon Under 18 Tournament at Reading and they did moderately well. We played in an inter-school league competition and we finished up in the middle of the league.

The membership was low and we would welcome new members from the Fifth and Sixth Forms.

Team: B. Walker, Perkins, B. Aherne, R. Lang, J. Stanley, C. Davis, K. Stevenson.

J. STANLEY.

JUDO CLUB

After a somewhat uncertain start, the Judo Club has now become firmly established. Membership has greatly increased, but is restricted to the Sixth and Fifth Forms. The club meets every Friday but longer standing members also attend sessions held by I.C.I. Judo Club every Tuesday. Injuries have been few and far between and have in no way discouraged the club from further activities. It is even hoped that in the near future a Judo team, capable of contest work, may be formed. After a recent—a very important event in the life of a Judo man—the club gained two yellow belts and three white belts, all those attending being successfully graded.

The club wishes to thank its own instructor, Paddy Manning (blue belt) and also Dick Ainsworth (black belt), instructor at I.C.I., for all the help and encouragement they have given to club members.

J. C. MERRITT.

SWIMMING

Slough schools' swimming is passing through a difficult period—it has not been possible to run any of the usual galas this year, due to lack of interest.

However, this has not prevented trials being held to select the teams to represent Slough at the County gala. Ian Hughes and Michael Paxton, as we had expected, were among those chosen to compete—in bleak 'summer' weather—at Wolverton's open air pool. They did well enough to be selected for the County team, swimming at the Divisional gala at Luton (the Division covers Bucks, Berks, Beds, and Oxon.).

Michael gained his Divisional badge, being selected for the Freestyle Team, and so he too, as did Ian last year, swam against the best in the country at the E.S.S.A. gala, held this year at Cambridge. It would not be fair to finish by mentioning the position the team gained!

It must, one supposes, be possible, but it is hard to believe that our present Form 1 'tadpoles' could produce an All-England winner in 1971! Hope springs eternal...

S.B.

THE ROWING CLUB

Sponsor: Mr. Dutton

The Rowing Club is rather unfortunate in that it tends to receive only small support from those eligible to join the club, namely the Sixth Form, and those who perhaps have the greatest potential are occupied with other school sports. Eton Excelsior, to whom the club is affiliated, are desperately short of young rowers. Nevertheless, it is hoped that the school will be able to raise a reliable 'four' whom Eton Excelsior would be only too pleased to enter into competitions.

Finally, on behalf of all members, I would like to thank Mr. Dutton for his perseverance and encouragement, and Eton Excelsior Rowing Club for the facilities which they so graciously offer.

G. MILLER

SAILING CLUB

Chairman: Mr. Doncaster.

Secretary: R. Lang. Treasurer: J. Hamilton

Owing to the annual visits in the summer to Pin Mill a number of boys have become keen sailors. Last summer a 'Heron' was built in the Woodwork Room and went with the party to Pin Mill. At the beginning of this school year the Sailing Club was formed and we were very fortunate to have the I.C.I. lake at Taplow, which has been used from Easter onwards, made available to us. A new 'Enterprise' was bought and delivered just before Easter and has been used twice at the lake. Both boats have been given the name SaGoS. In March a number of boys visited the Central Council of Physical Recreation's facilities at Crystal Palace where an extremely informative exhibition was held.

We would like to thank Dr. Long for his help, especially in the purchase of the 'Enterprise', Mr. Myatt for his assistance and, in particular, Mr. Doncaster for his continued support, interest and work in all spheres.

R. LANG.

THE OLD PALUDIANS

A number of boys still at school played for various sports sections of the Old Paludians.

Geoff Roberts, who left last summer, played for the cricket team and is now the enthusiastic captain of the third hockey team.

Most of the school 1st XI and some of the 2nd XI played for the Old Pals at football.

The hockey section relies heavily on the school for players. John Whelan, Ken Stevenson, John Raisbeck for the 3rd XI, David Hillier and Peter Willetts for the 2nd XI, and Robert Langard and Barry Aherne for the 1st XI; all played regularly. In addition, Mr. Curry was a welcome recruit to the 1st XI.

Any boy leaving school and wishing to join the Old Paludians should contact the General Secretary, Stanley Jones, 20 Maypole Road, Taplow. Tel. No. Burnham 10.

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